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Stars to move

**Big clear-out
at Heidelberg**

**Brennan off to
Hong Kong?**

**Cash drought
in Queensland**

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Gary Cole, Alan Davidson, Tony Brennan, Zdravko Lujic, Jim Campbell, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Tredinnick and George Christopoulos are among the stars who could be talking transfers within the next few weeks.

And former national coach Rale Rasic of Blacktown is almost certain to switch clubs after the NSW State League top four series.

He is expected to replace Dom Kapetanovic at Marconi-Datsun, but his name also has been linked with South Melbourne Hellas.

Bobby McLachlan (Ajax), Ken Morton (ex-Wollongong) and Doug Collins (ex-Sydney Olympic) also are candidates for the Hellas job.

The contracts of Hellas's ace goalscorer Charlie Egan and midfielder Alan Davidson have expired, so the first task of the new coach will be to persuade these two to stay.

They certainly will not be short of offers. Preston Macedonia, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Heidelberg Alexander would be first to pounce.

Branko Buljevic, another Hellas ace, has been unhappy with the way he has been treated this year, and may switch back to J.U.S.T.

State League stars are likely to be in demand when the transfer season opens in December. PSL clubs already are scrutinising players like Dave Brogan (Croatia, Vic), Alex Marshall (Polonia, Vic), former Fulham and Celtic midfielder John Dowie (Doveton), Joe Carroll (Wilhelmina), Kevin Lloyd (Albion Rovers), Ian Striron (Doveton), Paul Lewis (Ajax), Robert Wheatley (Blacktown), Bruce James (Blacktown), Marjan Kovacic (Croatia, NSW), Paul Dale (Melita Eagles), Stefan Mila (Polonia, Vic), John Galic (Croatia, NSW) etc. etc.



**Peter Tredinnick —
to leave Wollongong.**

Canberra's star forward Tony Brennan is likely to move to Hong Kong club Tung Sing. Canberra's treasurer Nick Sarri was in Hong Kong last week to organise a possible transfer for between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Brennan is at the moment playing on loan to Tung Sing.

Duncan Cole also has been playing there, but is expected to rejoin Canberra for next season. Former Canberra coach Vic Fernandez is coach of Tung Sing, and Terry Byrne also is guesting there.

Hellas has been trying for years to buy Cole from Heidelberg but always has been put off by the price.

Lujic said before the 1982 seasons started that he was interested in perhaps accepting an offer from Marconi or Sydney City.

These two national stars could join 1982 Player of the Year Peter Katholos in switching clubs.

As we revealed some weeks ago, Katholos is available at a maximum transfer fee of \$10,000.

And Jim McBreen of APIA is available free of charge!

The former Newcastle and Wollongong midfielder has a contract that stipulates he can move without a fee.

The Heidelberg situation is the most intriguing.

Club president Sam Gouloupoulos announced last week that a number of players would be transferred in order to cut the club's wages bill.

"There are two alternatives as far as players are concerned," Gouloupoulos said.

"The first is to honor their contracts — and when players have been with you for many years like ours have, their contract payments escalate year by year, they certainly don't go down.

"The other alternative is to sell the players and buy replacements who will not make the same high demands."

Gouloupoulos refused to name which players he was talking about.

However, if the club is looking for big money, it would

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Hakoah tops in Asia?

Recently-crowned PSL champion Sydney City Hakoah has been invited to participate in the inaugural Asia-Oceania Champions' Cup planned for February in Hong Kong.

Whereas champions' cups long have been established as part of the soccer calendar in Europe, South America, Africa and the CONCACAF region, Asia-Oceania has been deprived of a premier club competition and it is this anomaly that the Asian Confederation is anxious to put right — hence the projected Hong Kong tournament.

An Asian Champions' Cup was staged four times between 1967 and 1971 but it was abandoned due to financial problems and the contentious issue of Israel's participation.

The Israelis dominated those four competitions, winning the cup three times and being runner-up on the other time. Unfortunately politics will prohibit its entry this time.

Seiko (Hong Kong) and Mount Wellington (New Zealand) have already declared themselves as starters and the Crown Colony champion, fully professional, with a backbone of experienced Dutch mercenaries and backed by fervent home support, will inevitably be among the favorites should the Cup become a reality.

— PAUL MOON



Stefan Mila — former Polish olympian.

Mighty Mila!

Stefan Mila of Victorian club Polonia is our Ametco Travel-State League Player of the Year.

Mila, recently included in the Victorian team to meet New York Cosmos at Olympic Park on October 17, wins a trip to the English F.A. Cup final or a European country of his choice, flying Thai International.

With just one State League round remaining, Mila has an unassailable lead in our award. Closest challenger Paul Drinocky has two league games left. His club, Frankston City, take on Northcote at Centenary Park tomorrow (Thursday) in a re-scheduled league game, then squares up to Doveton at the weekend, but Drinocky cannot overtake Mila in the voting.

The 31-year-old Polonia sweeper was brought to Australia earlier this year and has made an immediate impact on the State League scene. He has an outstanding record in Polish soccer.

Mila switched from Gwardia Koszalin to Polish First Division club Gwardia Warsaw in 1976 and always has been a first-team player. At Gwardia Warsaw he commonly was used as a stopper. His central defensive partner, Szymanowski, played right back for Poland in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Mila was selected in the Polish Olympic squad to prepare for the 1980 Moscow Olympics. Although the Poles failed to qualify the talented Mila played 12 official games with the squad alongside Smolarek, Bunel, Kupcewicz and Mlynarczyk who all played with distinction for Poland in this year's World Cup finals in Spain.

Polonia coach Kaz Kowalec first used Mila as a forward in State League but was unhappy with the lack of service given Mila. Kowalec switched him into midfield then finally to sweeper, the role in which he has shone. However Kowalec has a tip for the state team selectors:

"I think to get the greatest benefit out of Mila he must be used in a central midfield role for Victoria. He's tough as well as skilful. Use him as a destroyer in midfield and you'll see him at his best."



Arthur McMillan, one of Heidelberg's few battlers, struggles against Wollongong's Ray Vilestra (left) in their PSL semi-final at Middle Park. Wollongong won 3-1 and will meet St George in Wollongong on September 26.

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Where now Northcote?

Victorian State League club Northcote sacked coach Billy Millen last week. Centre half Norm Maitland is taking training and two committeemen are picking the team.

Millen took over as Northcote coach earlier this year. He has an outstanding playing record, joining English giant Arsenal as a 17-year-old from Irish League club Distillery in the 1960's.

However two cartilage operations within 18 months virtually ended his chances of making it at Arsenal. Millen returned to Northern Ireland and played with Linfield from 1968 to 1970. He played five games for the Irish League, twice against the English League and once against Canada, the Scottish League and the League of Ireland.

Millen scored twice for Linfield against Manchester City in a European Cup Winners' Cup match in 1970 and was selected by Billy Bingham for Northern Ireland's European Nations Cup clash with Spain in Seville. On the morning of that match Millen tore a ham-

string during a light training run. Disgruntled, he went to South Africa before coming to Marconi in 1974. Millen was signed by Sydney Croatia for \$8,000 in 1977 but broke his ankle after just three weeks there, when he recovered he joined Toongabbie (now Blacktown) but returned to his native Belfast in 1979. He spent six months with Los Angeles Skyhawks in the American Soccer League then went back to Belfast and was appointed assistant coach of Glanvion.

Millen returned to Australia in March, 1980 and played with Geelong, now in Metro Fourth Division, before moving to Springvale City.

He will go back to Belfast in October but wants to return early next year.

He hasn't had the best of runs with Northcote. Key players such as Bob Provan and Sammy Wright have been injured although Wright has soldiered on.

"All the good players got injured, not the bad ones. Then again it's hard to get injured when you don't tackle. Maybe that explains it," said Millen in his inimitable style.



Richard Miranda (right) in action for Makedonia against J.U.S.T. From left: Rob Cullen (Makedonia) goalkeeper, Dennis Boland (J.U.S.T.), Johan Verweij (J.U.S.T.) and Slobodan Popovic (J.U.S.T.).

For a player who was offered an 18 month contract from English club Charlton Athletic but can't get a regular game for Preston Makedonia, 19 year old Richard Miranda seems unusually philosophical.

There's not the usual bitterness which accompanies not being picked every week, just a determination to try even harder to force his way into Makedonia's starting line-up in 1983.

Miranda is a potential PSL star who speaks his mind. Sure, he was being interviewed by the press. Sure, he'd love to get a regular game. But there was no off-the-record criticism of the coach or the committee, not even the slightest hint of jealousy toward team mates who get picked ahead of him. Miranda, Con Opasinas and John Little represent the youth of Makedonia's PSL squad and they are the players who could have a big say in Makedonia's PSL fate over the next few years.

"Maybe I'm not trying hard enough. Maybe I'll have to put more into training. I'd be kidding if I said that I wasn't disappointed with not playing more games this year but it's up to me to win a spot in the side and make it mine next season," said Miranda.

"If you can make the grade in England you can make it in other countries. There's got to be something wrong. I still believe that provided I get the right breaks I'll move myself in Australian soccer."

Miranda was born in Johannesburg and was 17 when he played his first senior game for Wits University in the South African national league. Mike Keenan coached Wits University. He was a former Wolverhampton

Soccer better in Miranda's South Africa

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Wanderers player and recommended Miranda to an old Wolves team mate, Mike Bailey, manager of Charlton at the time. Wits University paid for the youngster's seven week trial during the 1980-81 English season. A family bereavement forced Miranda to return to Johannesburg but Bailey liked what he saw and offered the teenager an 18 month contract. There was one hitch though. Miranda had to gain a work permit. But back in South Africa he learned that Charlton Athletic failed in its bid to win a permit for him. Canberra and Soccerex midfielder George Christopoulos suffered a similar fate earlier this year when Newcastle United in England wanted to sign him but couldn't gain a permit.

Miranda arrived in Australia in June last year to visit his brother. He turned up on Makedonia's doorstep and although he wasn't match fit impressed most onlookers during a friendly game against Hakoah.

He left Australia five weeks, returned after Matchday 10 and gained a temporary visa for him and signed a two year contract.

His first taste of PSL soccer came when Makedonia and Footscray J.U.S.T. played in a two legged \$2,000 challenge match at the end of last year.

"The national league in South Africa is of a higher standard than the PSL. The

blacks back home are very skilful and they have been a big asset to the game. Now that South African soccer is multi racial it has improved tremendously. F.I.F.A. still has a ban on South Africa but maybe that will change when people realise that South African soccer truly is a multi racial sport. Then again maybe some people don't want to think that I don't want to get involved in discussing the politics of the situation but take it from me, back home the game is multi racial."

"Imports don't make as big an impact in South Africa as they used to. We've had Kevin Keegan, Viv Anderson and George Best over there and the Charlton brothers, Bobby and Jack, holding clinics but the incidence of imported players has dropped."

Miranda lined-up against Sydney City Hakoah in Makedonia's opening PSL game this season but was dropped by the third round.

"From then on things just didn't seem to go right for me. When George McMillan went overseas I was picked at centre half against Sydney Olympic at home. I consider that 4-1 win to be our best performance of the year. We all had jobs to do that day. I was marking Mark Koussas and to be honest I was disappointed by him. After about 10 minutes he just didn't want to know. He didn't get involved. I'd heard a lot about him and at that

stage he was one of the leading scorers in the PSL."

Miranda came here primarily as a midfielder but right now if coach Peter Orlerton threw the goalkeeper's jumper at him Miranda probably would accept.

"I'll play anywhere. I prefer midfield though. You tend to be going forward and back rather than having a specific marking job to do. I'm not afraid of working out on the field. I'll run all day if I have to and in midfield you're much more involved."

"I've learned a lot from Peter Orlerton and assistant coach Alan Whittle. It would be different if they were just ordinary players who hadn't done much but they've got great playing records. They're the type of guys you can look up to and learn from their experience."

Regionalisation is one of the favorite topics of Australian soccer and Miranda has definite views on the subject.

"Regionalisation is a great idea. Just look at the crowds we've had when we've played over Melbourne. We played Heidelberg at Heidelberg and had at least 5,000 there and we had a similar crowd when we played Hellas at Preston."

"If we had a southern region then we'd have more Victorian State League clubs in the league. I've got no doubts that every Melbourne based PSL club would be far better off. We just don't get the same crowds against interstate teams."

Makedonia came within an ace of getting into the top four this year, its second in the PSL. No doubt the club has high expectations for the 1983 season.

"We don't splash our money about like South Melbourne Hellas. David Jones is the only big money signing we've had this year. Graham Fox, Steve Potter and George Todorovskii didn't cost the club much so we've done really well."

"I just hope that I figure in the club's plans for the 1983 season."

Frankston, VSF to settle in Supreme Court?

Frankston City is seeking legal advice and considering a Supreme Court challenge to last week's VSF appeals board ruling which sent the Baysiders deeper into the relegation zone.

Frankston beat Polonia at Centenary Park on Saturday, August 21. Polonia then protested over the eligibility of Graham Tutill, lost the protest, appealed and won its case. The Polish sponsored club was awarded the points and given a 3-0 scoreline.

Frankston probably will lodge an official complaint with the VSF over the composition of the appeals board. According to Frankston spokesman Les Smith the VSF constitution states that members of the appeals board cannot be members, officials or players of clubs affiliated with the VSF. Smith believes that at least one possible two, members of the appeals board are officially involved with VSF member clubs. Should Frankston successfully press home this point then a new appeals board may have to be convened and the Baysiders may gain precious time to examine at length the possibility of legal action against the VSF.



Les Smith

VSF summoning us to appear before the tribunal. We were charged with misconduct of behavior contrary to the interests of the game and the federation in that we played player G. Tutill on August 21 after being notified by the federation that he was suspended for one automatic game for accumulating 12 points.

"The next day, Thursday, I went to Soccer House. I explained that we hadn't received any letter and I was told that Tutill then was to serve his automatic one week suspension on the week ending August 29. He did so and missed the game against Juventus."

Frankston City claims that it never received written notification of Tutill having accumulated 12 penalty points and being automatically suspended for the week of the Polonia game.

"Tutill had 12 points up on June 27. The VSF claims that it posted notification of his one match suspension on August 16. I'm telling you the truth when I say that we didn't receive that letter," said Les Smith.

"On August 25 we received a notice from the

"If we have to raise \$10,000 to cover legal fees we'll do so. We don't believe it's our fault. And Polonia hasn't won any friends down this way."

The keys to Polonia's successful appeal are clauses 109 and 110 of the VSF constitution.

Clause 109 states: "A notice may be served by the federation upon any member club by sending it through the post in a pre-paid letter addressed to the secretary of such member club at its registered address as appearing in the register of member clubs."

Clause 110 states: Any notice, if served by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that upon which it is put in the post and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the post office as a pre-paid letter."

Polonia successfully argued that if its appeal wasn't upheld the federation would be setting a precedent for any member club to claim that it never received any mail in a whole host of matters. The potential for abuse obviously is enormous.

It is however strange that one of Frankston's fellow relegation candidates, Northcote City, was able to successfully plead ignorance and claim that it never received written notification from the federation over a matter involving Frankston just two months ago.

Northcote thought that it was to play a State League match against Frankston on Sunday, July 11, at Centenary Park. The VSF sent out official notification of the game being changed to Saturday, July 10.

Frankston turned up for the reserve and senior games at Centenary Park on the Saturday. Northcote didn't.

The Northerners however pleaded ignorance and won their case. The game has been rescheduled for Thursday (tomorrow) at Centenary Park.

The Appeals Board decision sent the Baysiders down a rung on the State League ladder to second bottom with the same points as last placed Northcote and a slightly superior goal difference. That was before last week's round of matches.

Croatia for the PSL!

SIR — I read in the "Soccer Action" (25 Aug) that only one team near the relegation zone (Footscray) probably would have been relegated if it finished in the last two positions. I found this utterly stupid as really any team finishing there should go out of the PSL for at least one season before being allowed back. But my real point is that we should have a Croatian team in the PSL. I'd like to know why one is not already there. Over the past four or five years, Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia and even the Croatia in South Australia have finished consistently in the top four, when not taking the championship. So why not have one in the PSL? It would not really matter which one because it would have the support of the Croatian community in every State.

Melbourne Croatia has not had its usual great season but still support is behind it and it gets larger crowds than most PSL clubs. Sydney Croatia is set to win another championship with great crowds and both Melbourne and Sydney Croatia play high-level soccer.

If any Croatian team did get into the PSL, I and a lot of other people would go to watch it, even if it were not from our State. So I think it's about time to give one Croatian team a go in the PSL.

The Croatian community has done a lot of soccer in Australia yet so far does not have one team in the major competition.

— Signed



The look on the face of South Melbourne Hellas team manager Leo Anazakis (right) says it all. It's the ASPA awards night and Tommy Docherty (second from left) just announced that he's signed a two year contract with Sydney Olympic. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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Georgieshine or Sunrovers?

Victorian State League clubs Sunshine and George Cross may be on the threshold of amalgamation.

As we went to press we were unable to bring you to result of a crucial extraordinary general meeting held in Sunshine's Chaplin Reserve clubrooms last Monday night.

Recent Press reports suggested that the Shiners were considering merger possibilities with George Cross, Sunshine, Croatia and Juventus. I think it's safe to say the latter pair can be ruled out.

Both Croatia and Juventus have big plans, plans which don't include another club. Rumor has it that Brunswick Council may approve the building of a \$2 million home for Juventus. If so, work probably would start next year. It's a move designed to restore Italian sponsored Juventus to its former position of power in Victorian and Australian soccer.

Meanwhile, Croatia too is on the lookout for a new home. Tentative talks have been held with Keilor council. Croatia is prepared to pay close to \$1 million over a period of years to develop a complex consisting of a main stadium, a training ground, a junior ground, a carpark and social rooms. Croatia argues that over 30 percent of ratepayers in Keilor are of direct or indirect Croatian origin. That's a mighty powerful lobbying group! A hitch is that the land proposed as Croatia's new home still is under lease for the next three years. Croatia has been trying for years to establish its own complex and it sees the Keilor possibility as its best chance yet.

Croatia may be prepared to wait. I don't know. Rumor has it that it has been negotiating a 15-year lease for John Cain Reserve, at present Northcote's home ground. Then again Croatia also has had talks with Frankston City about the possibility of becoming a co-tenant of Centenary Park.

Back to Sunshine, George Cross and Albion.

Putting two and two together it seems likely that despite cloak and dagger tactics employed by officials at Sunshine and George Cross they are the clubs which could amalgamate. Sunshine held an extra-



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

ordinary general meeting on Monday and George Cross will follow suit on Sunday. Is that a hint of things to come?

If so, one of the most disappointed people in the western suburbs would be Albion Rovers president Russell Wilson. He was one of seven Albion founder members, way back in 1963. Alec McArthur and Dave Berry also were members of the magnificent seven. Along with Wilson they still are actively involved with Albion.

Over the past five or six years Sunshine and Albion have been close to amalgamation. At the last minute, members of the clubs decided to drop the idea and continue on alone. Strange as it may seem, it isn't the composition of the board of management of the proposed new club which has caused the downfall of merger talks. The new club name and colors have been the main barriers.

Parochialism and petty jealousy have played their part in the breakdown of negotiations. Both Sunshine and Albion are British clubs and frankly there's been a lot of bitchiness over the years.

"It's bloody stupid really," says Wilson.

"Alec McArthur is a former Sunshine secretary and present Sunshine treasurer Adrian van Saunvoort is a former Albion player.

"If Sunshine amalgamates

with us it won't lose its identity because we're both British clubs. We should stick together. If another ethnic group merges with Sunshine then it eventually will take over I'm sure of that.

"We're keen to amalgamate with Sunshine. We've had talks with their committee and they've told us that they have to get back to their members before anything can be done.

"It's been going to happen for years and it would be an ideal move. Look, someone's just got to take the initiative and do it. Then, depending on the format of the new committee, we can start framing policies about club name, colors and all that. But let's act. There's been too much talk over the years."

Albion was the first Victorian soccer club to be granted a full liquor licence, back in 1980. It was a costly venture. What with renovations and legal fees it probably cost the club close to \$48,000. But Albion now has an annual turnover of about \$128,000 over the bar. There's no doubt that with more members the potential of Albion to cope with ever-increasing player payments is enormous.

Sunshine is at the crossroads. Deputy chairman Terry Walker is unusually frank.

"The club can't go on the way it's going," he says.

"We got into deep financial trouble last year but our seven man committee has worked damn hard this year and we've managed to clear most of the debt.

"We nearly amalgamated with Western Suburbs last year but we decided to stick it out and we've been successful. But now we've got into a tight spot. Believe me, the seven most responsible people in the club are on our present committee. Unfortunately a couple of them are businessmen who can't spend the time required to run the club next year. That's the crux of the matter. That's why we've been seriously looking at amalgamation.

"We've got no-one to take the place of these committeemen. At our meeting on Monday night we'll recommend to the members which club we should amalgamate with. There will be no question time. We will present a package to the members and the rest is up to them. They'll have to vote for or against it.

"I've been talking to officials at other State League clubs and they're in the same boat as Sunshine. You just can't keep going on, barely scraping through from one year to the next.

"Hopefully an end to all these talks and meetings is in sight and we'll have a new, stronger club, a club which can become a giant in the western suburbs.

"I can envisage a really strong side if we amalgamate. I'd like to think in a few years we'd be looking at a double storey building at Chaplin Reserve, a grandstand and top-class floodlights. I'd love to see State League games played on Friday nights here.

"Take it from me. If we amalgamate then within two years another club will join us. That's the position we're in out here."

If Sunshine finally amalgamates, no doubt it will receive a congratulatory telegram from either Frankston City, Doveton or Northcote. One of these three will finish second bottom in State League and what's the betting that the VSF board of management rules that the axe won't fall should an extra State League vacancy be created by the amalgamation?



One of the great George Cross teams of the past. Back row: Lou Kastner, Ernie Grocz, Phil Copeland, Falconer Ireland, Bobby Adams, Tommy McPherson, Don Hodgson. Front: Eddie Sacco, Archie Campbell, Tony Cassar, Willie Armour, Barry Horsfall, Lolly Vella.



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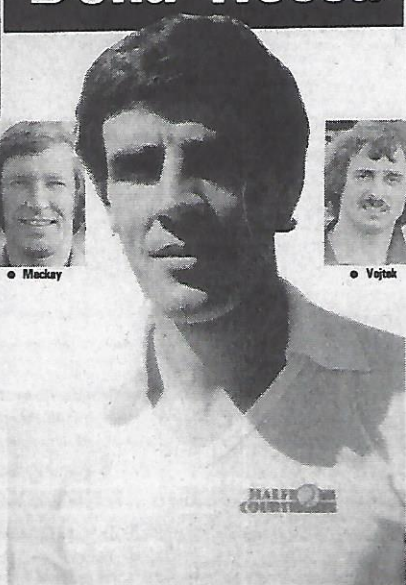
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Stars honor Della Rocca



Pat Della Rocca



Juventus will honor former player Pat Della Rocca at Olympic Park on Sunday with a junior parade and a testimonial game before the State League clash between Juventus and Croydon.

"Juventus yesterday, today and tomorrow" is the theme of Sunday's testimonial. The day kicks off at 1 pm with a junior game between sides comprising the club's under-11's, under-12's and under 13's.

A junior parade takes place at 1.40 pm then at 1.50 pm Della Rocca will present the inaugural Della Rocca testimonial to the best Juventus junior of 1982.

The testimonial game, between Della Rocca's XI and Billy Vojtek's XI kicks-off at 2 pm, followed by the State League game.

Former Socceroo Vojtek has picked a star-studded line-up. His squad is: John Kennedy, Mirko Kovacek, Jim Armstrong, Steve Walker, Jim Mackay, Hammy McMeechan.

Frank Micic, Steve Moore, Andy Segi, Hugh Howe, Branko Culina, Andy Borzika, Mendo Ristovski, Ivica Ivanovic. Della Rocca's squad is:

Jack Reilly, Maurice Bonfieni, Claude and John Lucchesi, Frank Barbieri, John Rosetto, Bruno Sabidussi, Joe Sonsini, Dino Di Marchi, Dario Epifano, Adrian Spadaro, Nino Mariani.

Della Rocca joined Juventus in 1963, aged 16, and never was suspended during a 20-year career. He was part of the all-conquering Juventus side of 1970.

He has taken an active part in junior coaching, grooming players such as Fabio Incantalupo, Oscar Crino and Heidelberg, Alexander's Angele brothers, Fabio and Joe.

Della Rocca was made a life member of the club at a gala dinner on Saturday night and became the first player to win a place in the new Juventus Hall of Fame. He received congratulatory telegrams on Saturday from Dr. Provenzano, Italian Consul General and Neil Trezise, Victoria's Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation.

If Honoulu's in Canada, Croatia

The PSL often is blasted for dragging its feet. Long delays are not uncommon, neither are strange vacillations.

Now the PSL has achieved a record of sorts — it already has sent out the full 1983 draw to all clubs.

According to this, the new season will start on March 13.

However, there is one strange factor involved.

The matter of promotion and relegation has not even been considered, yet the two "doomed" teams, Brisbane City and Ca-

nnberra, are included in the draw, "provisionally".

Well, how provisional is provisional in Australian soccer?

To start with, I'd change the nomenclature and abolish the words promotion and relegation, substituting for them election and re-election.

This is precisely what happens when the ASF and PSL get together to

hammer out the composition of the league.

The final decisions are pretty predictable. Teams from Adelaide (once), Brisbane (twice), Canberra (three times) have ended up in a relegation position — without ever being dropped.

Three Sydney clubs, Olympic, Blacktown and St George, shared this misfortune once each — and were promptly chucked out.

Much the same would happen in Melbourne. In-



Andrew Dettre

deed, one of the fascinations of the PSL is to watch Footscray JUST dancing its maddening tightrope act year after year.

Everybody knows that once Footscray reaches

the bottom, out it goes, without mercy.

I realise that Canberra, for example, is an asset to the PSL — maybe not as a team but as a geographical centre, a unit in a proposed expansion.

But I also wonder whether this sure knowledge of

enjoying an "untouchable" privilege produces the needed administrative shake-up and competitive spirit in a club.

Of all the teams now in the PSL since the beginning, Canberra's is the worst record.

It finished second last three times, 12th (third last) once, 10th and 5th, collecting less points than Newcastle — which had one season less.

In the process, Canberra has lost its crowd support, many of its original administrators and more recent-

ly even its multi-ethnic and non-ethnic character as well.

I am not advocating that Canberra should be thrown out of the league but I am strongly suggesting that some sort of warning would be in order to the club that it cannot rely on the benevolence of the PSL forever to stay in a league for which it appears to be too weak.

This is especially so when we have well-organised and ambitious clubs in Sydney and Melbourne keen to try their luck in the

O'Connor the star, Bergers bomb out

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Paton pen. 40th) WOLLONGONG 3 (Tredinnick 30th, O'Connor 55th, Cotton pen. 57th) at Middle Park, Phillips League elimination semi-final, crowd about 1000. Referee: Tim Davies 7. Cautions: Waldron (W), McMillan (H).

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 — Taylor 4, Yankos 8, Yzendoorn 5, McMillan 8 — Solemidis 5, Castillo 4 (Cole 6th), Valentine 7 — Bekiaris 4, Paton 6, Campbell 6.
WOLLONGONG: Preston 6 — Willis 6, Ainsworth 7, Vilestra 7, Fleming 6 — Waldron 8, Gaffney 8, Adam 8, Tredinnick 8 — Cotton 8, O'Connor 9.

For Wollongong's new coach Willie Wallace, it was more than a mere victory. "It's the first time that I've come away from Melbourne with a win," said the former APIA boss. But his players were a bit more blasé. It was, after all, their fourth victory over Heidelberg in five games since they entered the PSL.



Roy Cotton of Wollongong is unhappy with the penalty awarded to Heidelberg. Cotton was to be appeased later, when he scored a penalty of his own.

The players and coach Wallace were disappointed by the token resistance offered by Heidelberg. "I thought they'd be much better than that," Wallace said, "but this time, they were really struggling."

Phil O'Connor, star of the match, confidently predicted victory over St George next Sunday, while Heidelberg's Jamie Paton was taking solace from the fact that at least it had been a more open game than the Phillips Cup final the previous week. Whereas it may have made it a little easier for the players, it certainly mattered little to the spectators, the few of whom turned up.

There was renewed talk among officials about rebuilding the Heidelberg team, about buying new players and selling some of the old ones, and there was a welcome absence of excuses — although there were excuses that could have been made with justification.

Don Macleod was out injured, Jim Tansey was suspended, Gary Cole sat on the bench for most of the game as substitute due to a swollen ankle. The three replacements were disappointing. Chris Bekiaris was never in the game, John Yzendoorn still had a bandage on his right knee and was not over his long lay-off and Juan Toro Castillo, the former Chilean international, was rarely in play although when he did have the ball, he made good use of it.

Ken Taylor was switched to right back due to all the changes, and failed to cope with the attacking ruck. Peter Tredinnick, but then the entire Heidelberg midfield was thoroughly outplayed by the Wollongong quartet of Alan Waldron, Lee Adam, Larry Gaffney and Tredinnick, they closed



Laurie Schwab

down quickly, covered their defenders and added their numbers in attacking moves, all of which featured O'Connor in one way or another.

Other forwards may have scored more goals this year but O'Connor has outplayed them all.

And what a fine partner he has in Roy Cotton, the man who set up the first goal for Tredinnick and who also scored from the penalty spot.

Wollongong achieved this victory without Chris Dunleavy, who was player-coach for a while after Ken Morton resigned, and also without Arno Bertogna, its No 1 defender. Both were injured.

So Ray Vilestra was given another run in the senior team, and as usual he played solidly at centre back.

For Heidelberg, only captain Arthur McMillan and Charlie Yankos gave everything they possibly could, with Mike Valentine also trying hard at left midfield.

Really, Wollongong should have won by a greater margin. All credit to Jeff O'Neil for somehow getting into the way of a point-black shot from Cotton in the last minute, after O'Connor had cut the ball back from the line.

The most vocal and colorful section of the small crowd comprised the Wollongong supporters — cheer squad, drummer and the guy in the wolf's suit.

With the Heidelberg supporters silent most of the time, the Wollongong players didn't really feel that they were playing away from home.

Yankos tried hard from the start to stick close to O'Connor, but the Wollongong ace proved too elusive.

He slung the ball over from the goal line in the second minute but Gaffney in the middle had his first-time shot saved by Oliver.

Referee Tim Davies dismissed appeals for a penalty when the ball appeared to strike the arm of Yankos after a cross from Waldron and by the 15th minute, the Wollongong supporters were chanting "ea-sy, ea-sy!"

The first goal came in the 30th minute. Cotton, on the left, delayed a moment, waiting for Tredinnick to get for-

ward, and then slipped the ball into Tredinnick's path. The left flanker was about 20 metres out, on an angle, and we didn't really expect him to shoot. He did however, having decided that Oliver was far enough off his line, and his shot was right on target! It was 1-0.

But 10 minutes later, McMillan came away with the ball after a heavy challenge in defence, and ran forward before playing a through ball from Jim Campbell who was flooded by John Fleming just inside the area. Referee Davies awarded a penalty and Jamie Paton scored it.

Valentine, overlapping well on the left, was given two scoring chances — the first just before half time by a pass from Paton, but he shot too high.

O'Connor also missed, just after the break. He outplayed Yzendoorn inside the goal area but from only a few metres, struck his shot wide of the post.

He did strike in the 55th minute, however. Cotton rose high at the near post to flick on a Tredinnick corner and O'Connor, crouched low to put the ball away with his head at the far post. It was 2-1 now, and two minutes later the game was all over.

Lee Adam took a free kick, O'Connor met it with his head, the ball was past Oliver, and McMillan handled it on the line in a last-ditch attempt to stop it from going in. Cotton took the penalty and made it 3-1.

That started a period of relentless pressure from Wollongong, caused mainly by the midfield play of Adam, Waldron, Gaffney and Tredinnick. O'Connor was so cocky now that he was bobbing up in his own defence as well as in Heidelberg's penalty area.

Cole finally came on in the 67th minute to replace Castillo who, I feel had not been given the ball as often as he should have been.

Anyway, Cole was prepared to have a go. He dropped into midfield, won the ball, bulldozed past O'Connor who literally bounced off the big Heidelberg battering ram, but was dispossessed when he got to the edge of the area.

Yzendoorn tried a long shot which was plucked out of the air by Jim Preston (lucky he hadn't fallen asleep by now) and Paton shot over the top.

At the other end Tredinnick tried unsuccessfully to lob Oliver then Cole was in the action again, running onto a through pass from Theo Solemidis but getting to it a second later than Preston.

Heidelberg's last chance also involved Cole. Jim Campbell ran goalward, with Cole unmarked to his left but he didn't deliver the ball, so the chance was lost.



Wollongong has scored, and Heidelberg captain Arthur McMillan (right) blasts full back Ken Taylor. Picture by Les Shorrock.

Wollongong for grand final, says Thomson

Wollongong probably would have lost to Sydney City Hakoah, had the draw worked out that way. The Wolves just can't handle Hakoah. It's a psychological thing.

So they're pleased to be meeting St George Budapest in the preliminary final at the Wollongong Showgrounds on Sunday — not because Saints are easy pickings, but because their reputation isn't quite as awesome.

Let's say that the home ground advantage, the form of Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton, and the good midfield organisation gives Wollongong a berth in the grand final. What then? It still will have to break through that psychological barrier against Hakoah — and I don't think it can.

All credit is due to Wollongong for having come so far in only two years of existence.

However, Hakoah is a better team, notwithstanding the possibility of an upset on a particular day.

Saints would be a tougher opponent for Hakoah in the grand final. The two clubs have been traditional rivals for as long as I can remember, but first, Saints will have to beat Wollongong. I believe, they will, but Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson doesn't.

The absence of Wollongong's key defenders Arno Bertogna and Chris Dunleavy was not evident against Hei-

delberg, mainly because Wollongong had the midfield, and the Heidelberg strikers didn't apply much pressure.

The midfield battle against Saints will be much more even, because John O'Shea, Peter Stone and Mark Barton are all very talented players.

And the St George attack of Dez Marton, Paul Wilkinson and Robbie Slater will certainly apply pressure on

Wollongong central defenders Vilestra and Ainsworth.

I think the Wolves' attack will crack and the Saints will get another crack at Hakoah.

But Eddie Thomson says: "I think Wollongong will win. They've got their tails up. St George had a hard game against us, and quite a few knocks. It'll be interesting to see whether they can field a full side."

— LAURIE SCHWAB



The Wollongong Wolf gives Heidelberg's bench a good laugh.

Cosmos on 0/28

The Victoria v New York Cosmos match on Sunday, October 17, is likely to be shown on Channel 0/28 at about 10.30 pm that night.

It would also be repeated the following Wednesday night at 6.30 pm.

Meanwhile, Channel 0/28 is planning to cover the three major events remaining on the Victorian soccer calendar.

It will show highlights of the Rothmans Medal count, the State League Cup final and the Dockerty Cup final on its Friday night International Sports Magazine.



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Heidelberg striker Jamie Paton leads Wollongong's Ray Vilestra in a duel for the ball.

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could shift to Canberra

PSL, but cannot because of a lack of openings. Ajax, Croatia and Juventus from Melbourne, Blacktown, Croatia and Riverwood from Sydney are denied PSL status not for reasons of logic but geography.

Perhaps the solution would be for one of these clubs to apply for admission — and volunteer to play its matches in Canberra.

Stranger things have happened. If Monaco can play in the French League, if the Welsh Swansea can be in the English League

and if clubs from Liechtenstein... Even the Americans have shown remarkable flexibility in relocating teams from "depressed" areas.

A few seasons ago the team franchise from Honolulu was transferred to San Diego, California, then to Canada.

Canberra may be able to generate enough interest to support a PSL team — but perhaps not for Canberra Arrows.

Talking of Canberra, I've been reading various

interviews with the club's president, Charlie Perkins, in which he bitterly criticises the ASF and PSL leadership.

That's all fine. But as Charlie clearly has ambitions of his own for the leadership, I wish he had been a bit more specific about the remedies advocated for the game.

We ALL know what's wrong; I assume even Arthur George knows it. Paul Kemp knows it, the players know it, and the Hakoah club security guard knows it. (He often tells me personally).

What we don't know is how to go about improving the damned thing.

Charlie Perkins would do soccer a great service if he got down to tinkering and came up with detailed suggestions.

He can leave the simple art of blasting to the Press.

Last week the PSL office sent out to all 16 clubs requests for the retained and open-to-transfer lists. These have to be returned by November 3.

I hope they will have more success than last season...

Despite FOUR follow-up memos and threats of players being declared free agents, EIGHT clubs never submitted their retained list for the 1982 season.

And some of the clubs involved have full-time administrators...

So next time you hear the old cliché about "professionalism", please try to resist your urge to break into laughter.

Stars on the more

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have to sell either Cole, Jim Campbell, John Zenden or Charlie Yankos. They're the only ones who are in the \$20,000 — plus category. (Theo Selemidis, a former international, is likely to go at slightly less).

Preston-Makedonia already has made a tentative bid for Campbell. That bid may be renewed during the off-season.

Makedonia also expects a midfielder from Yugoslavia and is interested in striker Ian Fleming of Dundee.

If J.U.S.T. is going to make money with which to buy new blood, it does not have many options either.

Its most marketable players are Lujic, Zoran Ilioski and Slobodan Jovanovic.

Lujic hasn't produced the goods as consistently as he should have this year, and he has had a few clashes at the club J.U.S.T. would be looking at a transfer-fee around the \$20,000 mark — good value for a player of Lujic's calibre, providing he plays up to his potential in a fresh environment which perhaps is just what he needs.

Makedonia has tried in the past to buy both Ilioski and Jovanovic — both excellent midfielders, with the former superior to the latter.

If J.U.S.T. is serious about building a winning team, it will keep Ilioski because of his youth, his long identification with the club, and his leadership qualities, and it will sell Jovanovic who is older and not as adept at scoring goals.

J.U.S.T. then would have the money to make bids for the young players about whom team manager Simon Turadja has been speaking. Scott Patterson, Peter Verecchia and Pedro Ramos of Box Hill, and a few others.

JUST also will make big if a businessmen's group led by Tony Amon gains control.

South Melbourne Hellas has shown interest in Katholos but with Tommy Dockerty back at the Olympic helm, Katholos may decide to stay put, providing Olympic meets his wage demands.

If it doesn't, Katholos will welcome the chance to link up with his mate Alan Davidson at Hellas.

And if both of them are in the line-up, George Christopoulos may be tempted to return from Canberra to join them. Certainly there has been a lot of talk at Hellas about trying to get Christopoulos back.

On the other hand, there also have been a few rumors that Davidson may not be as happy at the club as he would like to be, and that perhaps he may seek a move.

Makedonia definitely will be in the transfer market, buying more than selling. It probably will transfer goalkeeper Richard Wilson who has returned to Canberra.

Jim Shirra and John Stevenson of Hellas remain on the transfer list, as does goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse of APIA.

Marconi could well make a bid for Woodhouse, as Allan Maher isn't getting any younger. On the other hand, Tony Veneri's form suggests he could be a capable replacement for Maher.

Meanwhile Sydney clubs are queuing up for Wollongong's Peter Treddinick.

Midfielder Treddinick will be transferring to Sydney to further his university studies.

Treddinick, who lives in Newcastle, has been travelling to Wollongong at least twice a week for training and is concerned that fatigue could have been responsible for his involvement in a recent car smash while driving home.

Arok keeps saying it and Hakoah keeps proving it

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Mitchell 38th, Boden 75th, Watson 87th) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 0. PSL semi-final at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3850. Referee: Don Campbell. 7. Cautions: Barton (St G), Mullen (SC), M. O'Shea (St G), Barnes (SC).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 7 (Boden 46th 71, Robertson 5, Cant 9, Bruce 9, Spanos 7, Petikas 7, Barnes 8, Watson 8, Mitchell 8, Kosmina 8).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Fraser 6, Skeen 6, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 7, J. O'Shea 7, Barton 6, Slater 7, Wilkinson 7 (Macdougall 53rd 71, Marton 7).

St George Budapest manager-coach Frank Arok keeps telling all and sundry that the Sydney City Slickers are a much better team than his — and Eddie Thomson's men keep taking him at his word.

The PSL top four major semi-final was no different from the two clubs' previous encounters this year.

If anything, the champions' superiority was even more pronounced than in the home-and-away series which netted them 1-0 and 3-1 decisions.

This in spite of the fact that an important participant last Sunday was atrocious weather, which usually acts as a great leveller between football teams.

St George Stadium's pitch was covered by deep mud and stagnant water over at least 65 percent of its usually excellent surface.

Soccer became a game of lottery, or rather Russian Roulette, with one never knowing whether a pass would skid along the surface of a puddle at incredible speeds, or get stuck in ankle-deep mud.

One thing this did, was to lend itself to a series of hair-raising incidents.

Such as the one in the 6th minute, when a loose ball landed right at the feet of David Mitchell, neatly stopping dead in the mud.

The big Slickers' striker pounced on it and pushed it well clear of the diving Mike Fraser.

Imagine the champions' frustration when the ball came to an abrupt stop on its way into the wide open empty net, glued into a gooey surface.

Just three minutes later Paul Wilkinson was away on his own at the opposite end, with the ball falling beautifully for him, but also getting stuck. He could not put on his "brakes" in time to get hold of the ball.

Both teams realised by then that every ball could spell disaster, no matter how innocuous it looked.

In addition, as the players grew more determined, their tackling became accordingly more severe.

Some, in normal circumstances would not have raised an eyebrow, in the mud and slush were transformed into lunging, sliding tackles which endangered if not life, then certainly limb.

Temper flared, as those on the receiving end started to worry about survival.

Joe Watson, in particular, was a target for some questionable attention from the Saints.

Unfortunately, after some heavy dumpings he decided to retaliate in kind, but, to his credit, good sense and experience overcame the first rush of blood to his head.

From then on he utilised his multitude of sparkling skills to torment and taunt the onlookers.

Arok's men threw themselves into the opening stages of the match like men possessed, obviously staking everything on an early breakthrough.

With the heavy ground sapping their strength, many in



Peter Scott

the ground, thus avoiding the fate of many previous attempts at goal which got stuck in the mud.



Joe Watson — one of the stars of Sydney City Hakoah's 3-1 victory over St. George Budapest.

the crowd wondered how long the onslaught could be sustained.

They did have their opportunities, such as in the 13th minute, when Alex Robertson rashly chose to pass the ball back to his keeper, which — to no one's real surprise — got stuck in the mud well short of Todd Clarke.

Dez Marton sprinted in, but failed to get a firm footing and the chance was lost.

The constant slogging in the mud eventually did take its toll and the Hakoah defence started to reassert its authority.

But by bit the Saints' hopes started to recede and Mitchell's goal in the 38th minute was probably their death knell.

It was the magical Watson who floated across the ball to the far post.

Fraser went to fist it, but Mitchell's head was higher than the goalie's hand, something about which Arok no doubt had a few comments to make at his next time.

At this time the Blues already were laboring under a handicap, with an earlier tackle virtually incapacitating Kevin Mullen, who was hobbling on the right wing.

Nonetheless, he was still active enough to collect a yellow card, as did the Saints' Mark Barton earlier.

Ken Boden replaced Mullen for the second period, with John Spanos pulled back into the defence and Watson roaming around the midfield with great effect.

Almost immediately after the restart, in the 48th minute, the Slickers had the opportunity to go two up, following a foul by Ratcliffe on Boden in the penalty area.

Kosmina prepared to utilise his deadly skills from the penalty spot, but apparently concentrated too much on making sure his shot was slightly off.

His rocketing drive streaked

ming 25 metre half volley just three minutes from the end.

Fraser dived and slithered towards the ball, but it was past him and in the net in a flash.

And that was that. Hakoah into the Grand Final two weeks hence, with the Saints licking their wounds and gearing up for a second chance against Wollongong this Sunday.

It was dour stuff all the way on a pitch more suited to the peculiarly American pastime of mud wrestling than a skilful game of soccer.

There were many stern and determined performances, with a few flashes of inspired brilliance. Let's look at St George's players:

MIKE FRASER

Still uncertain on many occasions, a problem which Arok has been grappling with for some time. Should have stopped the first goal, but partially redeemed himself with his penalty save from Kosmina.

DAVID SKEEN

Not as safe and sound as usual. Can be blamed for the opportunity which led to the Slickers' second goal.

ROBERT O'SHEA

Was tormented by the raids of first Watson, and later the injured Mullen down the left flank of the Saints' rear guard.

PETER STONE

A good captain's game, without the ability to change the course of play.

JOHN O'SHEA

Another trier for the full game, but never really managed to gain command of the midfield.

PAUL WILKINSON

More distinguished in mid-field tackling than in front of the net.

DEZ MARTON

Played absolute havoc with the City defence in the first half, when he could, with a bit of luck, could have scored once or twice. Heavy corners took their toll on him later in the game.

TED MACDOUGALL

Added new life to Saints' attack after coming on as substitute, but lacked support from tiring team mates.

Now let's look at Hakoah's side:

TODD CLARKE

Remarkable safe and sound in conditions of which goalies' nightmares are made of.

KEVIN MULLIN

Showed the stuff he is made of by carrying on enthusiastically in the attack after his early injury. If only he could cut down on his collection of yellow cards.

JIM CANT

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Final standings in the under-14 titles: 1 South Australia, 2 NSW, 3 Victoria, 4 Western Australia, 5 Northern NSW, 6 Tasmania, 7 ACT, 8 Northern Territory. Pictures by FRANK HOBBS.



SASF President George Joseph (left) presents the national under-14 trophy to South Australian captain Stewart Douglas.



Action from the WA v ACT under-14 clash. From the left: A. Lomezina (ACT), D. Borella (WA), D. Brown (WA), G. Cook (ACT), A. Giampaolo (ACT).



Springvale City's under-11 B side clinched the league title by winning every game! The side scored 78 goals and conceded only five. Back row: Robert Mihalak, Andrew Dick, John van Wel, Ivan Patric (coach), Gerard Sloothaak, Steven Schappendonk, Jason Patric. Front row: John Ippolito, John Prem, Glen Thoonen, Matthew De Graves, John Vekakis. Missing: Richard Fagundez, Alain Catherine.



Cameron Lockie from Peninsula is our Buffalo Sports Junior Clubman of the Week.

Cameron (pictured, above) is 12 and usually plays as a central striker. He is in his sixth year with Peninsula and won a place in the Peninsula regional side this year.

Cameron's ambitions are to play for Victoria then perhaps go on to play for Australia. He has scored 15 goals so far in 1982.

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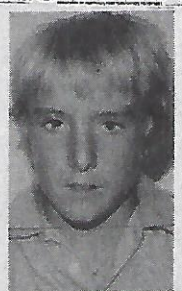
Young Vics sidelined

Sickness plagued Victoria's under-13's before they left to contest the national titles in Tasmania last week.

The first blow came when the young Vics learned that Dimitrios Mitsou was forced through illness to drop out of the squad then a few days later first choice keeper, Brighton's George Roufos, had to pull out because of measles.

Altona's Colin Cooper (pictured right), replaced Mitsou and Fawkner's George Barba was a last minute replacement for Roufos.

The loss of Roufos was a big blow to the Vics. The youngster is tall and brave and he was set to figure prominently in Victoria's title challenge. His loss elevated former number two choice, Alex Eacott from Traralgon, into the first choice keeper's role.



Shoulder's youths off to Indonesia?

Jimmy Shoulder's Institute of Sport team recently returned from an unbeaten tour of New Zealand and could be off to Indonesia to play three games in October.

Visiting Indonesian officials offered the seven day tour recently to the AIS boys and the institute probably will accept this week.

Shoulder was enthusiastic with the form of midfielder Marcello Salvo, defender Andrew Young and goalkeeper Tony Franken after the NZ tour.

Shoulder's young soldiers took on youth squads and under-23 outfits in NZ but the highlight of the tour was their 5-0 thrashing of national league club Stop Out.

Tour results:
5-2 V Wellington under-19 select.
0-0 V Hut Valley under-23's.
5-2 V Central Region under-19's.
1-1 V Central Region under-19's.

5-0 V Stop Out.
Striker Frank Farina finished the tour as leading

scorer with seven goals, four of them hit against Stop Out.
— PETER WINDSOR.

Hat-trick heroes

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Gary Hegarty, 10 (Liddiard Road State School); Lee Goddard, 14, four goals (Nunawading City); Sandy Wilson, 13 (Palm Beach); Jeremy Shapiro, 16 (Maccabi Hakoah); Kevin Davy, 14, five goals (Greensborough); Clinton Scott, 7,

Evan Lennon, 7, Martin Yeats, 11, Wayne McGahey, 12 (Cranbourne); Tony Bakas, 12, Brian Bothwell, 12, Allan Fitzpatrick, 8, Robert Woodland, 8, Damien Kresnager, 7, four goals (East Bentleigh); Arthur Hatzisamou, 16, four goals (Lalor United); Stine Milecsek, 15, four goals, Toni Gorevski, 15 (Altona Gate Vardar); Kerry Bright, 7, seven goals (Fernree Gully); G. Sparks, 13, five goals, M. Saliba, 14 (Broadmeadows City); Ante Krslovic, 11, five goals (Melbourne Croatia); Steven Jones, 13, Craig Butler, 8, four goals (Kari-nal United).



Fawkner also holds high hopes for these five star juniors. They are, from left, rear: P. Marrama, P. Forle, A. Arico. Front: S. Bissizzo, R. Diolomanti.

The boys of St Bedes



St Bede's College, Mentone, finished fourth in Group A. Back row: Paul Swannie (coach), Steven Sharpley, Peter Schreiner, Robert Falleffo, Richard Foxworthy, Richard Nearn. Front: Robert Schoonmakers, Kurt Haupt, Andrew Dominko (captain), Anthony Volpe, Steven Henkul. Missing: Jon Walkington, Steurt de Hoedt.

Fawkner's juniors tops too

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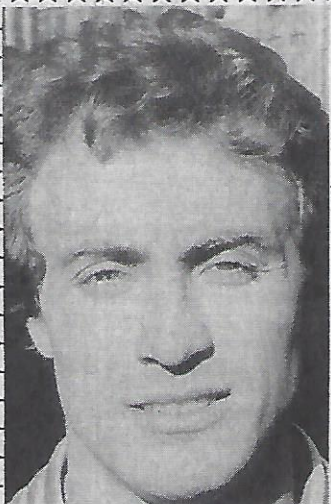
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All club scorers' lists, compiled by MENO TOUTSIDIS.

(* denotes players who have scored for more than one club)

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
J. Nyskohus	9	7	12	8	10	53	
Deans	16	5	8	1	—	30	
Northcote	7	4	5	2	6	27	
Marocchi	6	5	1	—	3	15	
Villani	—	—	6	3	6	15	
*Mitchell	—	—	3	9	3	15	
Melta	1	1	2	5	5	14	
Perin	3	5	3	—	1	12	
*Muniz	2	4	2	1	—	9	
Barnes	—	—	7	—	—	7	
*Kent	—	—	9	—	—	9	
Russell	—	—	—	4	2	6	
Leane	5	—	—	—	—	5	
Fashanu	—	—	3	2	—	5	
*Jones	—	—	2	3	—	5	
Kolecki	3	—	—	—	—	3	
*Muir	2	—	1	—	—	3	
B. Myskohus	1	—	1	1	—	3	
Marwe	—	—	3	—	—	3	
Dods	—	—	1	2	—	3	
Manou	—	—	—	—	2	2	
Carter	—	—	—	—	2	2	
Matic	1	—	8	—	—	9	
Flounders	—	—	—	—	1	1	

APIA-LEIGHARDT

	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
Soper	—	—	11	14	25
*O'Connor	—	—	10	7	17
*Giampaola	—	—	—	4	12
Bradley	—	—	1	3	7
Reed	7	—	—	—	7
Morsello	—	—	1	3	2
Butler	3	—	2	—	5
*Pirie	—	—	4	1	5
Jones	—	—	—	5	5
Samuels	1	3	—	—	4
Kafka	—	—	3	1	4
*Stone	3	—	—	—	3
*Harding	—	—	3	—	3
*Hughes	—	—	3	—	3
Roberts	2	—	—	—	2
*Carruthers	2	—	—	—	2
Drews	2	—	—	—	2
*Wilson	1	—	1	—	2
*Coyne	—	—	2	—	2
*McBreen	—	—	—	2	2
Scott	1	—	—	—	1
McGinn	1	—	—	—	1
Dempsey	1	—	—	—	1
Rampanti	1	—	—	—	1
*O'Donnell	1	—	—	—	1
McAusland	1	—	—	—	1
McKie	1	—	—	—	1
Niven	1	—	—	—	1
*Burrows	1	—	—	—	1
Gray	1	—	—	—	1
Carter	1	—	—	—	1
Pullen	1	—	—	—	1

BRISBANE CITY

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
Kelso	5	6	9	4	3	27	
Conner	4	2	2	3	4	15	
Caldwell	1	5	1	2	—	14	
Low	—	—	11	1	—	12	
*Gaffney	3	2	2	3	—	12	
*P. Wilkinson	—	—	12	—	—	12	
Hamilton	—	—	2	7	2	11	
*Palinkas	—	—	3	2	4	9	
*Coyne	4	1	3	—	—	8	
Echeverria	1	3	3	—	—	7	
Pimblett	3	1	—	—	—	4	
Marley	6	—	—	—	—	6	
Campbell	5	—	—	—	—	5	
*Ratcliffe	4	1	—	—	—	5	
Bohan	4	—	—	—	—	4	
Johnston	4	—	—	—	—	4	
Hermiston	3	—	—	—	—	3	
Wallace	3	—	—	—	—	3	
Tokesi	2	—	—	—	—	2	
Brusasco	2	—	—	—	—	2	
Carey	3	—	—	—	—	3	
Cairney	3	—	—	—	—	3	
Glockner	2	—	—	—	—	2	

O'Connor tops at two clubs

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
*Perry	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
McCluskey	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Herdie	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lavelle	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Potter	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
McVeigh	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Vincenzino	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
W. Wilkinson	—	—	—	1	—	—	1

BRISBANE LIONS

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
Millman	—	1	7	5	8	21	
Williamson	—	—	—	9	8	17	
*Hughes	9	4	1	1	—	15	
Morris	10	3	—	—	—	13	
*Brennan	—	10	—	—	—	10	
*Fairbrother	5	4	—	—	—	9	
Hermiston	2	2	1	4	—	9	
Neale	4	5	—	—	—	9	
Low	—	—	—	4	4	8	
Lazlo	5	3	—	—	—	8	
Spearitt	1	2	3	2	—	8	
Hogg	—	—	1	2	4	7	
Bennett	2	—	4	—	—	6	
*Ontong	2	—	3	—	—	5	
Ferris	—	—	2	3	—	5	
Dault	—	—	—	2	3	5	
Latchford	—	—	—	4	4	4	
Sunderland	—	—	—	4	4	4	
Murray	4	—	—	—	—	4	
Fagan	3	—	—	—	—	3	
*Antos	2	1	—	—	—	3	
McGregor	—	—	3	—	—	3	
Niven	—	—	2	1	—	3	
Wright	—	—	1	2	—	3	
*Verweij	—	—	2	—	—	2	
Lindsay	—	—	2	—	—	2	
McNaughton	—	—	1	1	—	2	
Bryce	—	—	1	2	—	2	
Potter	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Wallace	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Wilson	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Reid	—	—	1	—	—	1	
MacLean	—	—	—	1	—	1	
Altmore	—	—	—	1	—	1	
Ogden	—	—	—	1	—	1	

CANBERRA CITY

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
T. Byrne	9	9	8	2	6	34	
Valeri	—	—	7	9	1	17	
Grujicic	4	9	3	—	—	16	
McLaren	—	2	3	4	6	15	
Purdie	—	2	4	9	13	13	
Gibson	—	—	8	4	12	12	
*Brennan	—	—	1	5	4	10	
*Giampaola	—	—	7	—	—	7	
*J. O'Shea	—	—	4	3	—	7	
*Henderson	4	1	—	—	—	5	
Stark	1	1	2	1	—	5	
*Moulis	1	3	—	—	—	4	
R. O'Shea	—	—	1	3	—	4	
B. Stoddart	3	—	—	—	—	3	
Alston	3	—	—	—	—	3	
J. Stoddart	1	2	—	—	—	3	
Farrell	—	2	—	1	—	3	
*Christopoulos	—	—	2	—	1	3	
Bourke	2	—	—	—	—	2	
Heywood	2	—	—	—	—	2	
Davies	—	2	—	—	—	2	
D. Cole	—	—	1	1	—	2	
O'Connor	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Kaweieva	1	—	—	—	—	1	
*Cant	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Marinello	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Fielding	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Salgado	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Stone	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Bryant	—	—	—	—	—	1	
*G. Byrne	—	—	—	—	—	1	

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
*Ristovski	8	3	4	—	—	21	
*Picioane	5	4	7	4	—	20	
Lujic	6	2	5	3	2	18	
*Palinkas	6	4	2	2	3	17	
Kondadios	4	1	2	2	3	16	
Ilioski	1	2	3	6	4	16	
Vasic	4	—	7	1	—	12	
Cozella	—	1	7	2	10	10	
Simic	—	—	—	—	8	8	
*Ollerton	—	4	3	—	—	7	
Belic	—	—	2	3	2	7	
Rujevic	1	4	1	—	—	6	
*Verweij	—	—	—	5	—	5	
Kojic	—	—	—	5	—	5	
Nicolaides	1	3	—	—	—	4	
Hazabent	—	2	2	1	3	4	
Kazi	2	—	—	—	—	2	
Borovnica	2	—	—	—	—	2	
Kriaris	1	1	—	—	—	2	
Jovanovic	—	1	1	—	—	2	
Parrott	1	—	—	—	—	1	
McGuinness	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Petrov	—	1	—	—	—	1	
*Kakantonis	—	1	—	—	—	1	
Milne	—	1	—	—	—	1	
Boland	—	1	—	—	—	1	

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
Cole	11	11	10	21	16	12	81
Campbell	6	11	2	6	7	13	45
Paton	—	—	11	15	9	7	42
*Buljevic	9	6	6	—	—	21	21
Bozikas	3	3	2	5	8	16	16
Taylor	4	3	5	—	—	14	14
Yzendoorn	—	2	4	3	2	11	11
Selemidis	—	1	1	1	1	5	5
*Rooney	—	3	1	1	1	5	5
Tansey	1	1	1	—	—	4	4

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
Bannon	2	1	—	—	—	3	
Gillan	2	—	—	—	—	2	
McGrory	—	—	2	—	—	2	
McLeod	—	—	2	—	—	2	
Provan	1	—	—	—	—	1	
*Tront	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Micewski	1	—	—	—	—	1	
McMillan	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Monagle	1	—	1	—	—	1	
Tilavski	1	—	1	—	—	1	
Yankos	1	—	1	—	—	1	
Bekiaris	1	—	1	—	—	1	
valentine	1	—	1	—	—	1	

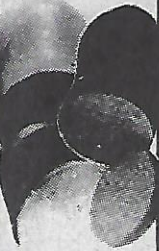
MARCONI DATSUN

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	T
*Jankovics	—	9	18	16	6	12	61
Sharne	—	9	6	10	8	6	2
Krnecvic	—	—	—	13	13	4	30
*G. Byrne	—	4	3	5	7	2	21
Mariani	—	7	6	3	2	1	1
Vieri	—	1	11	1	3	—	17
*Rooney	—	7	4	—	—	—	11
Licata	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Campbell	—	6	—	—	—	—	6
*Henderson	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
*Hunter	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
Richards	—	4	1	—	—	—	5
Bozanic	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Degney	—	1	—	2	1	—	3
Lindsay	—	—	2	2	—	—	4
*Ollerton	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Johnston	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
H. Silva	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Calderon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Raskopoulos	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
*Mir	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
*Picione	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*Djordjevic	—	—	—	—	—	1	1



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FRONT ROW: Steve Gajdos (from Geelong, 1978); Jimmy Murphy (Dandenong, 1978); Jozo Makic (BSK Slavonaki Brod, 1982); Keith Adams (Ringwood Villachina, 1979); Jeff Paulsen (Fresno Makodonia, 1982); Tony Guelio (Juventus, Melb, 1982).
MISSING: Drago Dantkovic (WSK Mladet, 1982).

Melbourne Croatia is one of the most successful clubs in the history of Victorian soccer. It was born out of a series of amalgamations and takeovers dating back almost 30 years. It was expelled from the VSF in 1972 but Croatians took over Lions in 1975 and the club came to be called Essendon Croatia. It changed its name to Melbourne Croatia late last year. Croatia has won three State League titles; four Dockerty Cups; two Armstrong Cups; two State League Cups and five Ampol Cups. The club still is involved in this year's Dockerty and State League Cups and coach Michael Kia and colorful club president Joe Sigur will be keen to see their side claim these honors. If a rumored southern region national league becomes a reality then Melbourne Croatia would be a worthwhile member.

Rockdale is relegated

Bankstown 3 Rockdale 1

Scorers: Silens 2, Campanella (B), Pilovski (R).

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Blackburn, O'Neil, Rostony, Bach, Bourke, Street, Drane, Silens (Peters 85'), Brown (Campanella 45'), Farthing.

ROCKDALE: Katsavelas, Tunyavski, O'Rourke, J. Bottolico, Atanasovski, Smith, A. Bottolico, Pilovski, Trajanovski, Travini, Malorana.

Rockdale Ilinden is the new member of the New South Wales Division One, following its loss to Bankstown last Saturday at Seymour Shaw Park. Kuringali, the winner of the NSW First Division, will be in State League next season.

While Rockdale, despite some big investments this year, failed to stay in State League, the Bankstown club was the scene of great joy and celebrations following the 3-1 win. The stars of the show were two of Bankstown's younger brigade, Silens and Campanella.

Martin Silens, only 18, is just another one of the Banks-

Blacktown bustled out of play-offs



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

town youngsters which Mike Johnson has developed. He used Silens as substitute against Canterbury, gave him 66 minutes against Blacktown, and 35 minutes in this game. Silens, boasting 12 goals to his name in Second Grade this year was known as "Super-sub" in the second grade team. However, his scoring potential showed out and he was included in the side against Rockdale.

He vindicated Johnson's choice by scoring two goals and laying on the third for Campanella who also came on as a replacement.

Rockdale, playing with the wind at its back, had the most

of play in the first half, forcing numerous corners and looking the likely winner. After 15 minutes Billy Pilovski headed home Blacktown's goal, but only two minutes later Bankstown was back on level terms.

Wayne Brown switched play from the right, deep into the left hand side for Ian Drane to run down the flank before crossing for Silens to head home from six metres.

After 30 minutes, following a corner kick by Alan Bourke and Chris O'Neil's challenge on Katsavelas, the ball ran loose and Silens latched onto it to score. Campanella replaced Wayne Brown at half time and was soon on the spot to put the score beyond doubt. It was Silens who picked up the ball some 45 metres from goal then drew the defence before pushing a neat pass to an unmarked Campanella who scored from a short follow-up which went into the roof of the net well out of Katsavelas' reach.

Rockdale tried hard to cut Bankstown's lead but too often broke down on the edge of the

Bankstown area. Alan Bourke pulled the strings in midfield for Bankstown while the rest of the side fought well to earn the win.

"We are not a great footballing side, but my players made up for it with their commitment," said Johnson after the match. "Now we have another year to improve and get closer to the middle of the State League table."

Sutherland 4 Blacktown 2

Scorers: 0-1, Burrows (13'); 1-1 Meades (38'); 2-1 Cashman (39'); 3-1 Clinch (67'); 4-1, T. Bush (75'); 4-2, Kirwan (83').

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Watkins, Cashman, Dalmore, Schumann, Clinch, Meades, Webber, Bush, Harrington.

BLACKTOWN: James, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Brown, Pointer, Salvage, Hauswald (22'), Gurnahy, Gomez, Burrows, Plumb (Schmidt), Kirwan.

The end of the season for the Demons came rather abruptly. Freely tipped to take the Meriton Premiership some three weeks ago, they faltered against Melita and were crushed to the tune of 3-0, then followed a miserable 1-0 win against Bankstown which relegated the Demons to third spot on the league table.

On Sunday, at Marconi Stadium, the scene of many triumphs for the present coach of Blacktown, there was very little Rale Rasic could cheer about.

Sure, Blacktown started breathing fire in the opening minutes and Burrows scored a good goal after 13 minutes to

Canterbury's Arnold king of the scorers

Greg Arnold of Canterbury Marrickville is the undisputed king of the scorers in the NSW State League. Amassing 14 goals in 28 rounds, with five coming in the last four rounds, Arnold finished three goals in front of nearest rival Terry Smith of Manly Warringah.

There was some conjecture about the number of goals scored by two Riverwood players, Terry Jones and Barry Walker. According to reports, Walker has scored 13, while Jones had 11. However, after checking with Riverwood it was found that Walker has been credited with a goal scored by Jones, so these two will finish on 12 goals each.

This is how the list of top scorers for 1982 reads after 28 rounds:

1. Arnold (CM)
2. T. Smith (MW)
3. T. Jones, Walker (R), Bush (S)
4. Holloway (Aub), Kirwan (BD), Hensman (Cr)
5. D. Allan (ME), Parker (R)
6. Valeri W (IM)
7. Karanfilovski (A), P.

Jones (BD), R. Brown (CM), Farrugia (ME), T. Johnstone (BD), Titilas (CM), Regan (MW), Rodas, McIntosh (Y), 6. Burrows (BD), Cross (ME), Harrington (S), McKie (ME), 5. N. Williams, Tilt (A), B. Allan (Aub), Nocera (B), Basterfield (CM), Woods (Cr), Van Helden, Noble (MW), K. Smith (P), Tracey (R), Sultana (RI), Meades (S), Benecke (Y).

Lembryk, Milne (A), Rootsey (B), Coleman, Savor (Cr), Link, Heywood (IM), Lock (MW), Budini (ME), Sobczyk (P), Butcher (R), Pilovski (RI), Mahajovic, Kokodera (Y), 3. Paterson, Djuricic, Ruiz (A), Dale (Aub), Gilligan (B), Selvaige, Wheatley and Campbell (C), D. Rezo, Galle, Coyne (CB), Johns (IM), Stuart (MW), R. Williams (ME), Soddart, Davies (R), J. Morsello, Trajanovski (RI), Groome, Webber, Watkins and Clinch (S).

2. Blackburn, Campanella, Bourke, Dolton, Farthing (B),

Rasmussen, Pointer, Plumb (BD), Trenter (Cr), M. Valeri (IM), Jack, P. Falconer (MW), Vial (ME), Dickson, Divani (P), D. Smith (R), Matheson, Lorinc, A. Bottalico (RI), Beggs (S), Karacan, Rendell (Y).

1. Deller, D. Brown (A), Sullivan, O'Donnell, Atwell, Carney, Kinsey (Aub), Wilmet, Drain, Sirett, O'Neil (B), Krstic, P. Scheinflug, Gomez (IM), Doyle, Fox, K. Falconer (MW), McCoy, E. Campbell (ME), Cieslik, Wisniewski, Kallnowski (P), Juchlewicz (R), Tuntevski, Yousheph, Martin, Malorana (RI), Murphy, Hesford, W. Rogers, Cashman, W. Rogers (S), McGrath, Cummings (Y). Own Goals: Galas (P), McIntosh (Y), Tawalea (IM), Daley (Aub), Blackburn (B), O'Neil (B), Barton (Av), Geekie (P), Rendell (Y), Miodovic (CM), Kawalewa (IM).

Brazilians to compete for Merilon Trophy?

The Merilon Trophy, for which the Soceroos will compete next month, was borne out of Singapore's thirst for international competition.

Traditionally Singapore has played in the Malaysian Cup tournament, along with the Malaysian states, the Malaysia Armed Forces selection and Brunei.

This year however the FA of Malaysia decreed that Singapore and Brunei, as independent nations, had no right to participate in their domestic competition.

Thus Singapore found their fixture list reduced by a minimum of 15 matches.

Games against visiting overseas teams and tour quickly were organised, however it was realised that the staging of an annual tournament was essential to maintain interest for players and supporters in the island state.

Already three of Singapore's South East Asian neighbours — Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand — have pledged their participation in the inaugural tournament, as has South Korea, a perpetual giant of Asian soccer and, of course, Australia.

The Singaporeans hope to attract at least two other entrants, their major targets being the People's Republic of China and a leading Brazilian state combination.

The cup will be staged in the magnificent 60,000 capacity National Stadium, which already has been the site for Olympic and World Cup qualifying games.

The Singapore federation is confident that the Merilon Trophy will rank alongside Malaysia's Merdeka Cup, the South Korean President's Cup and the King of Thailand's Cup as the most prestigious of Asia's annual tournaments.

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Never before has Australian soccer been blessed with as many top-class forwards.

John Kosmina of Sydney City scored no less than four hat-tricks this season. He's been a top-liner for some time, but he's still young, and he has potential he still hasn't tapped yet.

Charlie Egan of South Melbourne Hellas has had an absolutely sensational debut season in the PSL. Phil O'Connor, although long one of our best strikers, has surpassed all his past efforts in 1982 and of course there's Gary Cole, who remains the all-time top scorer of the PSL, and young lion David Mitchell.

All are in an exciting national squad chosen by Les Scheinflug — a squad which is a wonderful mixture of youth and experience.

So powerful is Scheinflug's attacking contingent that no room could be found for APFA's brilliant youngster, Marshall Soper, Marconi's experienced Mark Janovics and the most promising forward of them all, David Lowe of Newcastle.

In other words, things couldn't be better as far as the national squad is concerned. I hope Scheinflug's Soceroos get off to a good start in the Merilon Trophy series in Singapore next month, and go



RALE RASIC

on from there, from strength to strength.

Australian soccer needs an active and successful national team, because only through the Soceroos can we generate enough public interest and media exposure to put soccer back into the forefront.

Youth certainly is a strong point of this squad.

Apart from some of the players already mentioned, what about Peter Katholos of Sydney Olympic — only 21, last week voted Australian Player of the Year, a true match-maker, a brilliant midfielder. I hope he really lives up to expectations in Singapore.

His partnership with his good friend, Alan Davidson, will be one of the strongest aspects of the Soceroo team. We had a taste of it towards the end of the World Cup qualifying series last year. Davidson, quite logically, will play left back. There is no better combination than Davidson on the left and Robert Wheatley, of my own club, Blacktown, on the right.

Wheatley's form in the NSW State League has been exceptional this year. He is one of the most complete defenders in the competition — not as polished perhaps as Doug Utjesenovic was, but a better tackler and better in the air. Why the comparison with Utjesenovic? Quite simply because Utjesenovic has been helping me coach him at Blacktown, and Dougie agrees that Wheatley will be a super footballer in years to come. Some people complained that Wheatley was kept in

Scheinflug trimmed his squad. Russell is more rugged than Wheatley, and both are excellent in the air but Wheatley has more flair and he also has youth on his side.

Scheinflug always has had a soft spot for Russell, so he must really regard Wheatley highly to keep him ahead of Russell.

I'm delighted also with the selection of Blacktown's goalkeeper, Bruce James, who's only 23. That selection was criticised outside NSW, but the critics should realise that James has been in superb form this year, he is only 23, and he had such a good season in the PSL in 1981 that "Soccer Action" voted him joint Goalkeeper of the Year, along with Martin Crook, who also is in Scheinflug's squad.

I was disappointed that Arno Bertogna had to withdraw due to a pelvic injury. Bertogna was a certainty to play and he has had an absolutely brilliant season.

Various coaches and critics claimed after the selections had been made that this player or that should have been included, but I feel Scheinflug did his homework well and I'm sure he has come up with the men who possess the qualities he feels he wants to incorporate into the national team.

Perhaps I could number myself among the critics, for always have had a soft spot for Zoran Illoski of J.U.S.T., and I believe he should have been included. On the other hand, I'm sure Scheinflug will give Illoski a go in the future.

Congratulations to all those who won awards at the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) dinner, which I did not have the pleasure to attend.

But I really do feel that to qualify for any award, you have to have been on the pitch for a minimum number of games. Tony Boskovic officiated at only about eight matches, yet was named Referee of the Year. I have the highest respect for Boskovic's ability, but surely he should not have been eligible.

I also believe that players (and coaches) sent off and found guilty should not be eligible for awards. Such is the case in the Rothmans Medal voting.

And finally, I applaud the humility of Frank Arok (St George) who said while accepting his award as Coach of the Year that he felt he may have been the best manager, but that in his opinion Eddie Thomson (Sydney City) was

put Blacktown ahead, but as the game progressed Sutherland took control and started to pepper the Demons' penalty area.

Towards the end of the first half Sutherland struck twice within a minute. Both goals were miserable errors by the newly crowned Australian national keeper, Bruce James.

A shot by Steve Meades appeared destined to finish in the safe hands of James, but the ball slipped out of his hands, over his shoulder, and into the net!

As if that wasn't bad enough, a minute later Cashman made it 2-1 from an-

other blunder by the keeper. One could feel a little sorry for James as conditions certainly were difficult on this rainy, windy afternoon.

Clinch made it 3-1, then Tony Bush took a rebound off the keeper to slot it over his head and into the net in the 75th minute to make it 4-1 and put the result beyond doubt.

Paul Kirwan cut Sutherland's lead in the closing stages, but that was all the Demons could do against the spirited Cronulla men. Johnny Wattiss, the coach of Sutherland, seldom has been noticed to boast about success but it is a well known fact that his

players have always done well in the play-off series.

"You can't win games if you make mistakes," said Demons coach Rale Rasic, an obvious reference to the mistakes committed by his keeper. Well, if you have a problem with the best goalkeeper in Australia what would you have done if you had keepers with lesser ability, like Todd Clarke or Dennis Boland or, God forbid, Martin Crook?

To add insult to injury, yet another Demon who scored with the national side, Robert Wheatley, had a torrid time with Harrington the skilful winger of Sutherland.

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Sliema Wanderers beaten by 12, lights go out in Athens



Paolo Rossi scores against Hvidovre of Denmark

return leg played in Cologne on October 6.

Maradona, the little man with so much to prove, celebrated his European debut by scoring a hat-trick for Cup-Winners' cup holder Barcelona against Cypriot guest Apollon Limassol.

Maradona, whose last major game in Barcelona ended in tears and disgrace when he was sent off during Argentina's 3-1 defeat by Brazil in the World Cup, was in irresistible form as his new team stroled to an 8-0 win. West German Bernd Schuster, who missed the World Cup due to injury, weighed in with two goals.

But Barcelona was not the night's top scorer. Welsh Cup holder Swansea made sure of that honor when it proved most inhospitable to Sliema Wanderers by running by running up 12 goals, eight inside the last 30 minutes, without reply.

Cruyff, the last link with the great days of Ajax's past, inspires a 2-2 draw with Celtic in their European Cup match in Glasgow.

Cruyff, three times European Footballer of the Year and now 35, set up both goals for Ajax, the European cup winner from 1971-73.

The European Cup owes much to Cruyff and Ajax who continued the tradition of the legendary Real Madrid for all-out attacking football.

Cruyff did not let the 56,289 fans at Celtic Park down, although they must have wished he had kept his unique brand of magic for another time and another place.

Ajax's goals were scored by Jasper Olsen and Soren Lerby.

Diego Maradona scored a hat-trick for Barcelona; Johan Cruyff of Ajax rolled back the years with a brilliant performance against Celtic; poor Sliema Wanderers of Malta conceded 12 as the biggest losers of the round and the lights went out on AEK Athens as the big European competitions started last week.

The UEFA Cup first leg match between AEK and Cologne of West Germany was abandoned in Athens because of a power failure in the closing minutes, when the score was 2-2.

Vlahos and Ballis had scored for AEK, and Fischer and Zimmermann for Cologne.

The match will be replayed on September 29, and the

Rossi scores, Maradona hits hat-trick, Cruyff back with a bang!

and the only blot on Cruyff's immaculate display came in the 15th minute when he conceded a penalty, converted by Charlie Nicholas.

Celtic, the first British team to win the European Cup back in 1967, kept its hopes alive when Liverpool reject Frank McGarvey ended a frantic 27-minute first-half scoring burst when he made the score 2-2.

Juventus took 44 minutes to warm to the task in Denmark but once Michel Platini put Juve in front, Hvidovre could have been excused for hoisting the white flag of surrender.

World Cup hero Paolo Rossi and defenders Sergio Brio and

Antonio Cabrini took the tally to four before Henrik Jensen gave the 30,800 home fans something to cheer about.

Juventus featured six members of Italy's world cup winning team, injury free Roberto Bettiga, plus Platini and Zbigniew Boniek.

It won 4-1 against Hvidovre without moving into top gear. A committed Juventus will be a sight well worth seeing.

Aston Villa, which won the European cup with a 1-0 win over West Germany's Bayern Munich in front of 50,000 fans in Rotterdam, began its defence before an audience of 201, including a police dog.



Diego Maradona (Barcelona)

Villa was forced to play Besiktas of Turkey behind closed doors at home following the riots in Brussels during its semifinal win over Anderlecht last season.

It raced to a 3-0 lead through Peter Withe, Tony Morley and captain Dennis Mortimer within 29 minutes. But Ekki pulled one back for Besiktas near the end and Villa will not relish its second-leg trip to Turkey.

Villa, which had not conceded a goal in its five previous European games, was fortunate not to lose another goal when Necdet blazed the ball wildly over the crossbar eight minutes from time with just Jimmy Rimmer to beat.

Real Madrid and Bayern Munich, two of the great names of European football, should advance to the second round of the Cupwinners' Cup after drawing away from home.

Bayern, European champion from 1974-75, drew 1-1 against Torpedo Moscow in the Soviet Union thanks to a second half equaliser from World Cup star Paul Breitner.

Real, which has won the European Cup a record six times, turns its backs on its renowned attacking brand of football and successfully put the accent on defence as it held Romanian host Baia Mare to a goalless draw.



Johan Cruyff (Ajax)



Cruyff with the European Cup — will he inspire another one?

Euro Cups results

EUROPEAN CUP
In Dundalk: LIVERPOOL (England) 3 DUNDALK (Ireland) 1 (half-time 3-0). Scores: Dundalk — Finnegan, Liverpool — Whelan 2, Rush, Hodgson. Attendance 16,500.

In Nice: MONACO (France) 0 CSKA SOFIA (Bulgaria) 0.
In Reykjavik: VIKINGUR (Iceland) 0 REAL SOCIEDAD (Spain) 1.
In Zagreb: DINAMO ZAGREB (Yugoslavia) 1 SPORTING LISBON (Portugal) 0 (half-time 0-0).

In Nicosia: OMONIA NICOSIA (Cyprus) 2 JK HESINKI (Finland) 0 (half-time 1-0).
In Liege: STANDARD LIEGE (Belgium) 5 RABA VASAS (Hungary) 0 (2-0).

In East Berlin: DYNAMO BERLIN (East Germany) 1 HAMBURG (West Germany) 1 (1-1).
In Glasgow: CELTIC (Scotland) 2 AJAX AMSTERDAM (Holland) 2 (2-2).

In Copenhagen: HVIDOVRE COPENHAGEN (Denmark) 1 JUVENTUS (Italy) 4 (half-time 0-1).
In Luxembourg: Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg) 0 RAPID VIENNA (Austria) 5 (half-time 0-3).

In Zurich: GRASSHOPPER ZURICH (Switzerland) 0 DYNAMO KIEV (Soviet Union) 1 (0-0).
In Athens: OLYMPIAKOS PIRAEUS (Greece) 2 OESTER (Sweden) 0 (1-0).

In Bucharest: DINAMO BUCHAREST (Romania) 2 DUKLA PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia) 0 (half-time 1-0).
In Tirane: NENTORI TIRANA (Albania) 1 LINFELD (Northern Ireland) 0 (half-time 0-0).

In Valetta: HIBERNIANS (Malta) 1 WIDZEW LOZ (Poland) 4 (half-time 0-2).

CUP WINNERS' CUP
In Coleraine: COLERAINE (Northern Ireland) 0 TOTTENHAM (England) 3 (half-time 0-1).
In Istanbul: GALATASARY (Turkey) 2 KUUSYI-69 (Finland) 1 (2-1).

In Moscow: TORPEDO MOSCOW (Soviet Union) 1 BAYERN MUNICH (West Germany) 1 (1-0).
In Linz: UMICERK (Republic of Ireland) 1 AZ 69 AKLMAAR (Holland) 1 (1-1).

In Dresden: DYNAMO DRESDEN (East Germany) 3 1983 COPENHAGEN (Denmark) 2 (2-0).
In Lillestrom: LILLESTROEM (Norway) 0 RED STAR BELGRADE (Yugoslavia) 4 (0-1).

In Baia Mare: BAIA MARE (Romania) 0 REAL MADRID (Spain) 0.
In Gothenburg: GOTHENBURG (Sweden) 1 1. UJPEST DOZSA (Hungary) 1 (0-1).

In Aberdeen: ABERDEEN (Scotland) 1 DINAMO TIRANA (Albania) 0 (1-0).
In Swansea: SWANSEA (Wales) 12 SLIEMA WANDERERS (Malta) 0 (4-0).

In Barcelona: BARCELONA (Spain) 8 APOLLON LIMASSOL (Cyprus) 0 (half-time 3-0).
In Sofia: LOKOMOTIV SOFIA (Bulgaria) 1 PARIS SAINT GERMAIN (France) 0 (1-0).

In Milan: INTERNAZIONALE (Italy) 2 SLOVAKIA BRITISLAVA (Czechoslovakia) 0 (0-0).
UEFA CUP
In Birmingham: ASTON VILLA

(England) 3 BESIKTAS ISTANBUL 1 (half-time 3-0).
In Larnaca: LARNACA (Cyprus) 2 ZURICH (Switzerland) 2 (half-time 2-1).

In Thessaloniki: DYNAMO THILISI (Soviet Union) 2 NAPOLI (Italy) 1 (half-time 2-1).

In Athens: AEK ATHENS (Greece) 2 COLOGNE (West Germany) 2 (half-time 2-2). Scores: AEK — Vlachos 12, Ballis 41; Cologne — Fischer 27, Zimmermann 32. Attendance 30,000 (abandoned, reply Sept. 29).

In Moscow: SPARTAK MOSCOW (Soviet Union) 3 ARSENAL (England) 2 (half-time 1-2). Scores: Sparta: Shvetsov 38, Gavrlov 69 (penalty & 89); Arsenal: Rosen 18, Chapman 28. Attendance 65,000.

In Sofia: SLAVIA SOFIA (Bulgaria) 2 SARAJEVO (Yugoslavia) 2 (half-time 1-0). Scores: Slavia — Radov 17 and 50; Sarajevo —asic 22 and 53. Attendance 6,000.

In Craiova: UNIVERSITATEA CRAIOVA (Romania) 3 FIORENTINA (Italy) 1 (0-1).
In Jena: CARL ZEISS JENA (East Germany) 3 BORDAUX (France) 1 (1-0).

In Prague: BOHEMIANS (Czechoslovakia) 2 ADMIRA WACKER (Austria) 0 (1-0).
In Frankfurt: VORWAERTS FRANKFURT AM ODER (East Germany) 1 WERDER BREMEN (West Germany) 3 (1-0).

In Budapest: FERENCVAROS (Hungary) 2 ATHLETIC BILBAO (Spain) 1 (2-0).
In Stavanger: VIKING STAVANGER (Norway) 1 LOKOMOTIV LEIPZIG (East Germany) 0 (1-0).

In Graz: GRAZ ASK (Austria) 1 CORVINUL (Romania) 1 (0-1).
In Brussels: ANDERLECHT (Belgium) 3 FALCKENBURG (Finland) 0 (2-0).

In Rome: ROMA (Italy) 3 IP-SWICH TOWNS (England) 0 (2-0).
In Dundee: DUNDEE UNITED (Scotland) 1 PSV EINDHOVEN (Holland) 1 (1-0).

In Glentworth: GLENTWORTH (Northern Ireland) 1 OSTRAVA (Czechoslovakia) 3 (0-1).
In Manchester: MANCHESTER UNITED (England) 0 VALENCIA (Spain) 0.

In Southampton: SOUTHAMPTON (England) 2 NORRKOPING (Sweden) 2 (0-0).
In Groningen: UTRECHT (Netherlands) 0 PORTO (Portugal) 1 (0-1).

In Haarlem: HAARLEM (Netherlands) 2 GHENT (Belgium) 1 (1-0).
In Mielec: ETAL MIELEC (Poland) 1 LOKEREN (Belgium) 1 (0-0).

In Wroclaw: SLASK WROCLAW (Poland) 2 DINAMO MOSCOW (Soviet Union) 2 (2-1).
In Kaiserslautern: KAISERSLAUTERN (West Germany) 3 TRABZONER (Turkey) 0 (1-0).

In Salonic: PAOK SALONICA (Greece) 1 SOCHAUX (France) 0 (0-0).
In Saint Etienne: SAINT ETIENNE (France) 4 TATARYAN (Hungary) 1 (half-time 1-1).

In Lisbon: BENFICA (Portugal) 2 REAL BETIS (Spain) 1 (1-0).
In Seville: SEVILLE (Spain) 3 SPARTAK SOFIA (Bulgaria) 1 (1-1).

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Green a hit in Norway

By PAUL MOON

Brian Green, whose short stint in charge of the Socceros can best be described as ill-fated, has found success in an unlikely outpost of the soccer world — Norway.

After returning home to England from Sydney in 1976, Green was employed in turn by Rochdale, Leeds United, Blackburn Rovers and Stockport County.

With them he achieved little and found no job fulfillment, so he was happy to try his luck in Scandinavia when Bryne Idrettslag offered him a post as first team coach late in 1979.

Bryne, one of the lesser lights of Norwegian football, was anxious to consolidate its recently acquired First Division status.

The new coach not only achieved this but almost took the club to the championships, being pipped on goal difference by IK Start for the 1980 title.

Green found himself very much in demand after completing his two-year contract and now has moved 20 miles up the road to Viking Stavanger, one of Norway's soccer giants with six championships to its credit.

As league runner-up last season, Viking has the opportunity to earn Green European glory in the UEFA Cup.

Stavanger has been matched with Lokomotive Leipzig in the first round.



Antonio Cabrini scores for Juventus



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Kevin Keegan, the England soccer captain who was sidelined through injury at the World Cup in Spain and has now been dropped from the team by new manager Bobby Robson, has vowed he will never play for his country again.

Robson sacked both Keegan and another former captain, Mick Mills, of Robson's old club, Ipswich, from the squad to play against Denmark in Copenhagen in the European Championship.

Kevin Keegan quits England

"The Sun" reported that Keegan was very hurt about the way he had been dropped.

"I feel I never want to be part of any future England set-up," said Keegan, who joined second division Newcastle this season.

"I would have thought that after 10 years and 60 caps, after the way I've never flinched in my determination to put England commitments before everything else, I deserve better than to have been dropped from the team," he told The Sun.

"A call from the new England manager beforehand would have made all the difference," he added.

Alfredo Di Stefano, that legendary maestro of Real Madrid's string of European Cup successes in the mid and late sixties and now, it's new manager, has set his sights on making the club great again and makes no secret he would like to acquire several World Cup stars like Bruno Conti and Gaetano Scirea of Italy plus Amaros of France.

Presently Real is top heavy with defenders and has only four real attackers on its books fit for first team duty.

Real Madrid has not scored a European cup final success for 20 years and in its last appearance in the final, in 1961, it was beaten 1-0 by Liverpool in Paris.

Ossie Ardiles has signed a new two-year contract with Tottenham Hotspur but won't kick another ball for the club until the start of the 1983-84 season. The Falklands war has upset his plans to rejoin the F.A. Cup-holder this season and he was loaned out to French club Paris St Germain.

as presently constituted could be extinct in two years, and top "Daily Express" soccer writer David Millar has similar views, saying the game could be on the rocks in two years' time.

Martin Peters has changed his mind about hanging up his boots, even though he is only three months short of his 39th birthday. Peters is to join Manchester City on a training and trial session arranged by John Bond to see how he goes.

Leicester City is breaking up. First it lost manager Jack Wallace to Motherwell and more recently Scotland under 23 striker Alan Young moved on to Sheffield United for £400,000.

Tele Santana is reported to have projected a near half million dollar offer to coach wealthy Saudi Arabian club El Ahil. Santana will stay with Brazil until December at least when his present contract ends.

Italian First Division clubs spent over \$28 million on new players during the last season. Newly promoted Sampdoria topped the list with more than \$8 million spent on Mancini from Bologna, Francis from Manchester City and Brady from Juventus.

Both teams were sent off in a soccer match at Stages in Spain after a spitting incident caused a brawl.

As predicted Nottingham Forest completed the signing of Utrecht keeper Hans van Breukelen for around \$400,000. But the Dutch star who was bought to succeed Peter Shilton, sold to Southampton, has first to cost 20 year old Steve Sutton.

Warnings for English League Soccer. Jimmy Hill has said the Football League

Di Stefano looks to Conti and Scirea

Former Celtic defender Frank Connor has quit as manager of Berwick Rangers to become assistant to Jack Wallace with Motherwell. New Berwick boss is 29-year-old former Kilmarnock and Ayr United midfielder Jim McSherry.

Northern Ireland striker Billy Hamilton who copied two bookings in the World Cup finals, will miss his country's European Championship tie with Austria in Vienna on October 13.

Middlesbrough boss Bobby Murdoch has blasted the Football League tribunal which has allowed former club captain, 26-year-old Tony McAndrew, to join Chelsea for \$180,000. Murdoch wanted \$200,000 for Scotsman McAndrew who played 260 times for the club in the First Division.

Gordon Taylor secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association has warned the Football League it could have gone over the top in the clampdown on discipline.

Taylor, who succeeded the long-serving Cliff Lloyd earlier this year, played more than 500 games in league football and holds a degree in economics, says the League has taken a sledgehammer to crack a nut and the result could be far more serious than the clubs imagine.

The big trouble has emerged since the Football League introduced sending-off for the professional foul at the start of this season. The PFA has argued that the professional foul should not be a sending-off offence. It says there are too many instinctive handlings and last-minute tackles which go wrong for the send-off to be fair.

On the first two Saturdays of the new season 15 players got their marching orders, mainly for professional fouls easily the worst record in the Football League's 94-year history. This would indicate that the game in England will give the sin in ice hockey a close run before the season ends.

Gary Birtles, the 26-year-old Manchester United striker who has played for England, returned to Nottingham Forest after two years. Birtles cost United \$3 million but the shrewd Brian Clough got him back for \$500,000. Clough first signed Birtles from a Nottingham non-league side six years ago for a few thousand dollars.

Mick Channon, 33, who has over 40 caps for England, was freed by Southampton at the end of last season and was one of the players on the South African rebel tour, has lined up again with Kevin Keegan at Newcastle United. But Channon is only on a month-to-month contract.

With its recent signing of striker Erwin Vandenberg, Anderlecht now has Belgium's World Cup forward line with the exception of Jan Ceulemans who plays for Bruges. Anderlecht did fancy Ceulemans but shied off when Bruges quoted over \$2.5 million for the left winger.

Hibernian manager Bertie Auld have parted company. The former Celtic player who had a prior spell as boss of Patrick Thistle was in the Glasgow side's line-up when it won the European Cup in 1967. Auld's successor is another ex-Celt, Pat Stanton, who also played for Hibs and had been manager of Dunfermline Athletic.

John Jackson, the ex-Crystal Palace, Orient, Millwall and Ipswich keeper has done a Dino Zoff by continuing his career at 40 with Hereford United. Jackson has made over 650 Football League appearances.

Another long-serving player, Billy Bonds, skipper of West Ham, has overtaken Bobby Moore's record of 545 appearances for the Hammers.

Once again Paul Breitner, the West German midfielder, says he has retired from the national team. But Paul retired after the 1974 World Cup finals and came back to star in the 1982 side that reached the final.

PORTUGAL AND GREECE POSE THREAT

We hardly are over the excitement of the World Cup in Spain, many football associations are still deeply immersed in post-mortems and re-creations and the next big tournament is already upon us.

Europe's national teams are embarking on a two-year series fated to determine the champion side of the old continent.

Two of the groups already have started "hostilities" — the 5th and 7th.

The fact that only the top team from each of the seven groups will qualify for the final eight that are scheduled to meet in France in 1984, promises a series of do-or-die battles. In many respects they will be a lot tougher than the Mundial eliminations from whence the top two teams qualified from all but one of the European groups. There will be little latitude to make up for unexpected slip-ups.

Three groups of four, and four groups of five countries — a total of 32 teams are to join the battle in a total of 116 elimination matches.

This year will see 37 fixtures, with the rest played in 1983.

No less than 31 of the 32 teams will see some action this year, with Hungary the only exception, while the 33rd country, France, automatically qualifies for the final eight as host nation.

GROUP ONE: Belgium, East Germany, Scotland, Switzerland.

One of the least predictable and strongest groupings, without a single team which could be considered an also-ran.

A quick review of recent times would indicate that Belgium's Red Devils may be the strongest team, even though their performance at the Mundial was far from consistent.

This in spite of Belgium reaching the last 12.

According to East German manager Krause, "The Scots may well prove to be better than the Belgians".

In spite of this, the German supremo believes that the European Championships may be the opportunity to make up for his team's disappointments against Poland in Mundial preliminaries.

He is hoping that his country's run of "outs" at major championship events, stretching back to 1974, is about to end.

Krause's optimism is based on good East German performances in European club events and even some friendly international surprises, such as a win over Italy — later to become world champion.

As for Switzerland, part-time manager Wolfisberg was cooking up a major surprise for the Mundial — and it very nearly came off.

He is already hard at work, instilling fanatical self-confidence and will to win.

The question is, is it to be second time lucky for the Swiss?

GROUP TWO: Finland, Poland, Portugal, Soviet Union.

Not an easy one to pick, is it?

Apart from Mundial participants Poland and the USSR, Portugal could also have something to say about this one.

Since the World Cup in 1966, the Portuguese haven't been too much trouble for other nations but guess who is the manager in charge now?

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Poland's Antonin Piechnicki first decided to retire and rest on his Spanish laurels, but

By Peter Scott

GROUP ONE PROGRAM: 1982
— Oct 6, Belgium v Switzerland;
Oct 13, Scotland v East Germany;
Nov 17, Switzerland v Scotland;
Dec 15, Belgium v Scotland, 1983
— Mar 30, Scotland v Switzerland;
East Germany v Belgium;
Apr 27, Belgium v East Germany;
May 14, Switzerland v East Germany;
Oct 12, Scotland v Belgium;
East Germany v Switzerland;
Nov 9, Switzerland v Belgium;
Nov 16, East Germany v Scotland.

GROUP TWO PROGRAM: 1982
— Sept 22, Finland v Portugal;
Oct 10, Portugal v Poland;
Oct 13, USSR v Finland, 1983 — Apr 17, Poland v Finland; Apr 17, USSR v Portugal; May 22, Poland v USSR; June 1, Finland v USSR; Sept 28, Portugal v Finland;
Oct 9, USSR v Poland; Oct 28, Poland v Portugal; Nov 13, Portugal v USSR.

GROUP THREE PROGRAM: 1982 — Sept 22, Denmark v England;
Oct 9, Luxembourg v Greece;
Nov 10, Luxembourg v Denmark;
Nov 17, Greece v England; Dec 15, England v Luxembourg, 1983
Mar 27, Luxembourg v Hungary;
Mar 30, England v Greece; Apr 16, Hungary v Luxembourg; Apr 27, England v Hungary, Denmark v Greece; May 15, Hungary v Greece; June 1, Denmark v Hungary; Sept 21, England v Hungary; Oct 12, Hungary v England; Denmark v Luxembourg; Oct 26, Hungary v Denmark; Nov 16, Greece v Denmark, Luxembourg v England; Dec 3, Greece v Hungary; Dec 14, Greece v Luxembourg.

GROUP THREE: England, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Luxembourg.

The Group of the Long Knives, or it's time to take revenge.

That's how this group can be characterized, with England and the Hungarians shaping up for a repeat of their World Cup qualifying encounter — but with the major difference that only one can succeed this time.

Then there are the unpredictable Greeks who shocked the world in the last European championships by qualifying for the finals from their group — ahead of both the Hungarians and the much fancied Soviets.

On the other hand, they caused barely a ripple in the Mundial preliminary group.

Are the Hellenes' fortunes due for another spectacular change?

What will be the outcome of yet another Anglo-Hungarian duel?

The Poms have a new man in charge, former Ipswich boss Robson, who was critical of the performances of Greenwood's men in Spain, especially in attack.

That could lead to the logical assumption that a new, adventurous England will be on show in Europe this year and next.

Hungarian manager Kalman Meszoly is plotting a wholesale reorganisation of his squad, as he is not counting on most of his veteran stars from West European clubs.

He has time on his side, as Hungary's first championship match is not due until March — and then against Luxembourg.

On the other hand Denmark and England already have met, with Greece soon to follow.

The Danes could be the spoils in this group, strengthened by some of the excellent players appearing in the pro leagues of other countries.

But all the other countries can plan for wins and big ones at that — only against tiny Luxembourg, as any points dropped against the enthusiastic amateurs of the Grand Duchy could spell disaster in the competition.

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Poland's Antonin Piechnicki first decided to retire and rest on his Spanish laurels, but

Vest good PR man, Re a radical, Rudi poor beggar

By PAUL MOON

In a recently published book entitled "New Zealand's World Cup — The Inside Story", Kiwi coach John Adshead reveals that he sought the position of coach of the Australian national team in 1975.

At the time Adshead was enjoying a great deal of success in charge of the Western Australian State side and considered himself a strong contender for the Soccerro post which eventually went to Brian Green.

Shortly afterwards, feeling that the WA job no longer held any challenges, he resigned. It was his successor, Alan Vest, who suggested a move to New Zealand, as no worthwhile offers had been received from the eastern states of Australia.

Adshead therefore gained great pleasure from last year's match at the Sydney Cricket Ground, particularly when victory had been sealed. "To sit back there with eight minutes go on the clock, on a lovely sunny day in total command of a game, gave me a feeling I can hardly describe. It felt so marvellous looking at Rudi (Gutendorf), who was crouched forward all anxious and agitated."

The book also discloses a personality clash between New Zealand's assistant coach Kevin Fallon and Preston Makekonia goalkeeper Richard Wilson, particularly after the 2-3 defeat in Kuwait, when Fallon blamed Wilson for the Arabs' last-minute equaliser.

Adshead states: "Richard has what I would call a temperament problem. He was put under tremendous pressure before going to Spain and suffered mental stress."

Other figures discussed in the book include: Alan Vest: "Personable, a skilled PR man and great motivator."

Tommy Docherty (when in Auckland for opening World Cup game): "His attention only confused the Australian players because they didn't know who to listen to next. They were getting all this advice without ever knowing the facts."

Rudi Gutendorf: "He came over, patted me on the shoulder, put on a face and said: 'A tremendous performance. I think your lads did well for you.' As he wandered off I remember looking at him and thinking 'you poor beggar — you've been blown it.' I did feel for him."

Julius Re (former Western Australian Federation president): A radical visionary who put Perth on the international soccer map while the ASF was still struggling for an identity. A man of foresight, enterprise and entrepreneurial flair."



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AN APOLOGY

To: JOZO JOVIC

THE ST ALBANS SOCCER CLUB

THE VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION

For allegations contained in the Article appearing on page 22 of "The Novosti" edition dated 12th March, 1982.

It is conceded by the Editor and Management of "The Novosti" that the contents of that article were not accurate and further that no wrongful or improper conduct can be attributed to Mr. Jozo Jovic or the St Albans Soccer Club.

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Souths relegated!



Nicky Cook (left, formerly of Green Gully Ajax) and Steve Darby (former Tasmanian director of coaching), both of South Hobart, still manage a smile despite the fact that their team has been relegated from the State League.

Copped four in comeback

Martin Burden, 20, Launceston Juventus' goalkeeper, made an unhappy return to South Hobart in the Ampol Cup semi-final against Juventus-Pioneer. He conceded four goals, the first within a minute of the start, as his side lost 4-2.

Burden's previous appearance at South Hobart had been at the end of last season when he was playing for Brighton-ICI. That occasion was the championship decider, a match that Brighton won 2-1, ironically, against Launceston Juventus.



Martin Burden

Kelly's instant success

Nottingham-born Eamonn Kelly, 29, is one of the most recently qualified coaches in Tasmania. He obtained his ASF senior badge at a course in January staffed by Ron Tindall, Eric

White Eagles finished a creditable fourth in the Tasmanian Cadbury State League (South) competition in 1982 after being promoted from the Rothmans League Division 1.

The team topped the league in the early part of the season and reached the semi-finals of the pre-season 'Michael the Tailor' Cup series. In the Cadbury 'Final Four' series, White Eagles surprised everyone by defeating third placed Olympia 3-1 and thus qualifying for the preliminary final against Juventus-Pioneer.

Back row (from left): Mycak (coach), Michniewski, Rybak, Witek, M. Leszczynski, Lawler, A. Leszczynski, Clark, Drascovic, A. Sikora, Rosinski (manager).

Front row: Boswell, Walker, Trueman, M. Sikora, Crawford.

Peters can play anywhere

Willy Peters, 26, of Croatia-Glenorchy, is one of Tasmania's most underrated players according to former State director of coaching, Steve Darby. Peters was an automatic choice whenever Darby selected a State team.

Peters started his soccer career when he was in fifth grade at Glenorchy primary school. While at Cosgrove High, he captained the State under 16 team.

His first senior club was Metro-Clarendon where he played at centre-back. Croatia snapped him up from there several seasons ago and he has been with the club ever since, except for last year when he took time off and captured a championship medal with Brighton.

Peters can play almost anywhere on the field. He is solid and dependable in the centre of defence, hard-working and skilful in midfield. He also has an eye for goal and it is not unusual to see him pop up in the box to score a vital goal.

A State representative many times, Peters has been selected in the Tassie Devils squad to play West Adelaide Hellas in Hobart in October.

Playing for a northern club means that he doesn't have to attend training sessions. "I train on my own, when it's convenient for me. It means I can spend more time on my studies," says Burden.

He concedes that he's probably not playing as well as he could be but he's more interested in his studies than in soccer at present.

He takes his university work seriously. "When I've completed my degree, then I'll be able to put everything into my soccer," he says.

Launceston Juventus finished second this year. It doesn't worry Burden, however. He enjoyed the season and he did, after all, win a championship medal last year with Brighton. Earlier this season, Steve Darby also selected him in the Tasmanian 'State of Origin' squad.

There is also an added bonus in playing for the northern club. It gives Burden the chance to visit his parents in Launceston each weekend!

Willy Peters

and coach of State League team, Rapid-Wrest Point. Kelly certainly believes in putting his knowledge to work quickly. In this, his first season as a senior coach, he has seen the

TA NEA TON OMAΔON MΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΑΠΟΧΑΙΡΕΤΙΣΕ Ο ΜΕΓΑΣ ΤΗΝ ΔΙΟΡΓΑΝΩΣΗ ΤΩΝ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΩΝ ΜΕ ΗΤΤΑ 3-1 ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΡΟΥ ΔΟΙΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΗ ΠΟΥ ΗΤΑΝ ΥΠΕΡΟΧΟ

Μέσα στο Μίντλ Παρκ ο Αλέξανδρος έχασε από το μαχητικό Γουόλφουγκ με 3-1 και βγήκε έξω από την διοργάνωση του τουρνουά του Κυπέλλου των τεσσάρων. Όπωςδήποτε ή ήττα έχει την... δικαιολογία πως ο Μέγας για μία ακόμη φορά ήταν άτυχος.

Πάντως τα γουαϊόματα δεν έλειψαν και στην συνάντηση της Κύριακής από τους ολλανδούς όχι για την ήττα της ομάδας αλλά περισσότερο για την απaráδεκτη αλλαγή που έκανε ο τεχνικός Μακέντρου και έβαλε στο 66' τον πολύ καλό Χιλιάνο παίκτη πόρο για να βάλει τον κώλ.

Ο κώλ μπορούσε να υπεί σε οποιαδήποτε θέση άλλου παίκτη εκτός από τον πόρο. Είναι δε λυπηρό να πιστεύουμε πλέον στά. λόγια που είχαν ακουστεί "ότι δεν τον θέλει στην ομάδα ο κ. Μακέντρου γιατί δεν ξέρει να μιλήσει... άγγλικά..."

ΑΠΟΚΑΤΙΣΤΩΣ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΠΡΟΒΙΖΙΟΝΑΙ ΚΑΙ

Παρά το ότι η Δόξα-Γιαράβια αγωνίστηκε πολύ καλά στον εντός έδρας αγώνα της για το κύπελλο με την Ροσάν, τελικά έχασε με 2-0 σκόρ που το έφτιαξε ο παράξενος διαιτητής.

Συγκεκριμένα είχε αδικήσει τους γηπεδούχους σε πολλά φάουλ αλλά την Δόξα την καταδίκασε σε ήττα με δύο τέρματα που χάρισαν στους γηπεδούχους.

Στο μέσο της ελληνικής μας ομάδας κράτησε την έδαρκη υπεροχή αλλά χωρίς αποτέλεσμα.

Η ήττα ανέλαβε το παιχνίδι δυνάμωσε και φάνηκε ότι όποιος θα έβαζε γκολ θα ήταν και ο νικητής.

Το 59' η Ροσάν άνοιξε το σκόρ από καταπάνω στην θέση οφσάιντ και στην συνέχεια ο διαιτητής έδωσε πέναλτι σε μία άσχημη που η υπέλαλη βρήκε κατά λάθος το χέρι του κέντρου και ενώ η υπέλαλη έφτυσε προς το κέντρο του γηπέδου.

Με τα δύο αυτά τέρματα που δέχθηκε η Δόξα αποκλείστηκε από το Κύπελλο και τελείωσε για φέτος τις υποχρεώσεις της έχοντας σαν έναρξη την κατάκτηση του πρωταθλήματος.

Σε την ομάδα έπαιξαν οι Ν. Αποστολίδης, Γ. Αμωνατίδης, Ν. Αποστολίδης, Δημητρίου, Τερζάκης, Καλλιόλης, Γ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Παπαδόπουλος, Ξύτας, Μελέτης, Μαρμάκης (70' Κρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου).

ΠΑΛΑΙΩΝ ΕΙΣΕ - ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΑ ΑΛΛΑ ΟΙ... ΠΑΛΑΙΟΤΑΤΗ ΤΗΝ ΕΥΡΕΣΗ

Την Κυριακή 26 Σεπτεμβρίου στο γήπεδο του Μάλβερν θα γίνει μία όμορφη διοργάνωση με αγώνες Πρωταθλητών των συλλόγων του Μάλβερν και του Πέλοπα και θα τελειώσει με την συνάντηση των παλαιμάχων των δύο ομάδων.

Επίσης θα δοθούν τα αναμνηστικά έπαθλα στους μικρούς άσους του Μάλβερν.

ΠΡΟΒΙΖΙΟΝΑΙ Κ

Ο ετήσιος χορός του Μορντιάλλοκ θα γίνει στις 16 του Οκτώβρη 1982 στο Χάλ του Δημαρχείου της Τσέλσι.

Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι και οι ενδιαφερόμενοι να τηλεφωνήσουν στους παρόντες του συλλόγου.

ΤΑ ΤΣΟΙΝΙΟΡΕ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ ΧΟΡΩΝΤΕΙ

Στις 9 του Οκτώβρη 1982 τα Τσούνιορε της Δόξας δίδουν τον ετήσιο χορό τους στο Χάλ του σχολείου του Θράνσις στοίχ και κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα γίνει και η άπονομή των αναμνηστικών έπαθλων.

Όσοι θέλουν να προμηθευτούν τα εισιτήρια τους να τηλεφωνήσουν στο 682488.

ΗΕΤ ΑΛΤΟΝΑ

Ο ετήσιος χορός του συλλόγου θα γίνει στις 25 του Σεπτεμβρίου στο Χάλ του Γυμνασίου του Νισόπορτ και κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα δοθούν και τα αναμνηστικά έπαθλα στους μικρούς άσους.

Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ

Οι Ισθμίες της Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ κέρδισαν το πρώτο παιχνίδι για φέτος.

Την ομάδα την προπονή με απόλυτη επιτυχία ο Άργυρης Μωρέλλας ο οποίος για 3η χρονιά την βγάζει ποιοτικά.

Στον τελευταίο αγώνα οι πρωταθλητές δέχτηκαν την Ήραστ με 8-2 και τα τέσσερα πέτυχαν οι Παγκαλάκης 5, Ψελακίδης, Χανιωτής και Κουρέλης.

ΕΥΡΥΚΛΑΙΝΑ

Οι Ιππες Α' του Σπρινκλίντλ νίκησαν με 2-0 το Βέρμοντ και κατέκτησαν άρια το πρωτάθλημα. Τα τέρματα πέτυχαν οι Γιακάδουλος και Κικλίδης.

Άρα σημειωθεί ότι οι 17 αγώνες οι μικροί άσους πέτυχαν 17 γκολ και σημείωσαν 89 τέρματα ενώ δέχθηκαν μόνο 5. Απράξιο σε όλα τα παιδιά.

ΚΩΛΟΦΑΝΤ

Ένα από τα βασικά στελέχη του Κώληφαντ Σίτν φέτος που κέρδισε το πρωτάθλημα της Α' του Προβιζιοναί, είναι ο Ήτερ Τσιουρίδης ο οποίος για δεύτερη χρονιά στον σύλλογο ίδρωσε την φανέλλα που φόρεσε και με το παραπάνω.

Jugoslovenska Scena

NIKO NEMA HRABROST
Posle dugih porodjajnih muke pre sest godina rodila se Philips Nacionalna Liga Australije. Nogomet je bio prva sportska disciplina, koja se usudila da klubsko takmicenje prosiri na celu Australiju, cime je ugrozen primat Rulse, a kriketa, pa cak i ragbija, koji su bili najpopularniji sportovi u Australiji. Da se nije umesala ekonomska kriza, nogomet bi ozbiljno ugrozio svoje sportske rivalne, ali dogodio se suprotno. Troškovi su rasli, a prihodi su bili sve manji, sto je uticalo na standard takmicenja. Javna je tajna da su svi klubovi Philips lige duzni do guse, cak i oni koji se razbacuju koa milione. Jer ce Philips liga ostati bez sponzora, a novoga nigde nema. Ko ce podmiriti avionske troškove, koji su se duplirali za poslednje 3 godine? Klubovi Philips lige moraju potraziti castan izlaz iz ove krize, sto pre to bolje. Dve privremene lige (juzna i severna) su privremeno resenje, dok je najidealnije povratka u Drzavne lige, ciji bi se prvaci, eventualno takmicili za naslov prvaka Australije. To je sto svi klubovi Philips lige zele, ali niko nema hrabrosti da pounce novu.

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WERRIBEE - ALTONA GATE/VARDAR 0:2 (0:1). Strelci: Milan Micevski i Jovan Jovanovski. Vardar je igrao sa pola snage, ali je ipak zasluzeno pobedom borbenog domacina. Sastav Vardara: Con Dimopoulos, Nick Pavlidis (Bale Naumovski), Alex Zdravovski, Jonce Serovski, Stefo Trajkovski, Slobodan Klutanovski, Baskin Bojkovic, Jovan Jovanovski (Zlate Veljanovski), Milan Micevski, Nick Atanasovski, Blagoje Cvetkovski.
RINGWOOD/SRBIA - SOUTH OAKLEIGH 0:2. Igraci Srbije su olako shvatili utakmicu protiv kluba iz cetvrtre divizione, pa su postidjeni napustili igraliste.
MITHCAM - HAWKSBURN 2:3 (3:3). Strelci: Joe Bino 2 i Istvan Laslo za Hawksburn, koji je nastupio u sledecem sastavu: Ragan Raganj, Tibor Benedek, Laci Takac, George Antal, Andras Kazi, Drago Bulic, Steven Derek, Emeric Dabibac, Ivo Riev.

(Vili Garamsei od 46. minuta.) Rezerva Hawksburna se takodje igrala u iduce kolo Kupa, posto je na jedanaestercu pobedila Seaford United sa 5:4. Junak ove utakmice bio je Jene Kalmar, koji je odbranio jedanaesterac, a za svoj tim postigao gol sa bele tacke.
LALOR UNITED/SLOGA - WEST GEELONG/MAKEDONIA 3:0 (2:0). Seriju golova je otvorio Chris Kioshoridis u 33. minutu, a zavrrio je Tome Tasevski u 80. minutu, posto je u 32. minutu povisio na 2:0 za Slogu, koja je dosta lako savladala borbeno, ali neiskusne goste.
PASCOE VALE/PELISTER - SPRINGVALE UNITED 0:1 (0:0). Jugodermi su doneo izvanrednu igru dva ravnompravna tima. Pobedio je stremiji tim Bratstva/Jedinstva autogolom Zorana Ristevskog. Pre toga je Pelister imao idealniju sansu da povera sa 1:0, ali je najbrze stigao Tony Centarino sutirao sa bele tacke pravo u golmana Milana Mandica. Sastav Pelistera: Kostja Avramovski, Mitko Stroski, John Tivolski, Zoran Ristovski, Marko Dzanovski, Marko Radojcic, Tome Apostolovski, Boris Cosic, Tony Centarino, Frank Prongo, George Gracevski. Sastav Bratstva/Jedinstva: Milan



ZIKA NIKOLIC

noslav Spicic, George Hitko, Zek, Goran Mandic, Emin Subara Zukic, Mario Basic, Milan Stojilovic, Rezerva Pascoe Vale/Pelistera pobedila je Kyneton sa 4:3 (1:3). Strelci: George Tivolski, 2. Pero Perdevski i Kostja Metevski. Posto je rezerva Bratstva/Jedinstva bez igre pobedila West Melbourne, sledice subote gledacima jos jedan Jugodermi izmedju drugih timova Pelistera i Bratstva/Jedinstva. VARRAVILLE - ALTONA UNITED 3:0 (0:1). Strelac za Vojvodinu Martin Strenjak. Ovdje su ucinile svoje. Stariji igrači Vojvodine izdrazu na 60 minuta, a onda je odlucila bolja kondicija. Za jugo-turnir na igralistu JUST-a prijavilo se do sada 10 timova, ali je pocetak turnira nezvestan. Svi urednici breme na vreme obavestiti. Namera



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